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THE KING IN HIS ELEMENT AT COWES: HIS MAJESTY ABOARD HIS RACING CUTTER "BRITANNIA."

The King and Queen went to Cowes earlier than usual this year, arriving there on July 26 for a fortnight's holiday affoat. His Majesty, who is the keenest of sailors, lost no time in going aboard his famous racing cutter "Britannia," for he visited her an hour or so after the "Victoria and Albert" had moored. On the 28th he had his first sail of the season. He went to Southsea in the destroyer

"Crusader" and there joined the "Britannia," which took part in the regatta of the Royal Albert Yacht Club and dead-heated with the "Westward." His first race at Cowes was on July 30, when "Britannia" raced against "Candida," "Shamrock V.", "Westward," and "White Heather" during the Royal Southampton Yacht Club's regatta, which had been transferred from Calshot.



By G. K. CHESTERTON.

WITH the high priests of Mumbo-Jumbo I am on friendly terms; with the worshippers of the Green Monkey and the Seven-headed Snake I can chat cheerfully if we meet by chance in society; with the Blood-drinkers of Baphomet I have tactfully agreed to differ; with the Howling Dervishes of the Red Desert I see the road open to reunion; from those who offer their babies to the Most Ancient Crocodile I differ only in opinion; of those who consider it a sign of divine favour that their mother's head is bitten off by a Bengal tiger, I am willing to believe that they are better than their creed; to those who believe the sea to be the green blood of

a great giant whose anæmic visage is ex-hibited in the moon, I am ready to concede that we may be looking at two different aspects of truth; in those who sincerely hope to gratify the god of their fathers by eating nothing but live scorpions, I respect-fully salute a counsel of perfection which I not myself called am upon to follow; in those who paint themselves scarlet all over and dance before the Nineheaded Elephant, I recognise a ritualistic practice which franker and fuller discussion might well commend even to less advanced schools of thought in the Universal Church; of Thugs I think hope-fully; of Bashi-Bazouks I hear the most reassuring news; and to Christian Scientists I extend Christian charity. But there is one way of writing about such things and such people which seems to me something suggest utterly sub-human and much less than half-witted; something so stunted that we can hardly recognise it as the stature of manhood; something so stupid that we can hardly call it the mind of man; something so flat and unlifting that it might possibly be the mind of one of those flat, pale fishes that lie

on the floor of the deep dark sea and live only in two dimensions. And this mentality is the mentality of a large number of people who write educational works on evolutionary history, and are so grossly benighted that they really believe themselves to be enlightened.

For in all the wild rites and the savage myths, there is at least that twilight which suggests to itself, and by itself, that it might be more enlightened than it is. There is something in the grossest idolatry or the craziest mythology that has a quality of groping and adumbration. There is more in life than we understand; some have told that if we ate a scorpion or worshipped a green monkey we might understand it better. But the evolutionary educator, having never since his birth been in anything but the dark, naturally believes that he is in the daylight. His very notion of daylight is something which is so blank as to be merely blind. There are no depths in it, either of light or darkness. There are no dimensions in it; not only no fourth, but no third, no second, and

hardly a first; certainly no dimensions in which the mind can move. Therefore the mind remains fixed, in a posture that is called progressive. It never looks back, even for remembrance; it never looks the other way, even for experiment; it never looks at the other side, even for an adventure; it never winks the other eye. It simply knows all there is; and there does not seem to be much to know. I have recently been looking through a specimen of this sort of scientific summary of the story of man; and I am relieving my feelings.

Every child has, and every savage or simple person probably has, certain profound and subtle questions

of youth. The plug is generally a word; a stupid word used as a stopper upon thought. It does not solve the mystery; it only stupefies or paralyses the power to realise that it is a mystery. When a boy wants to walk about, he knows it is mixed up with feelings he has not fathomed and a song called "Over the Hills and Far Away." When a poet walks about, he realises something strange in the fact that he can walk about, and that a tree or a mountain cannot walk about. But the object of the pseudoscientist is to utter a sort of formula of enchantment which will chill and freeze these wanderers for ever. If their bodies still move about, at least their minds

will never move again. He utters the magic words "Man has evolved powers of locomotion"; and man loses them on the spot. Those who were previously walking about remain stuck like statues in the garden of the wizard.

To take one case: the book I read re-peated for the millionth time that modesty must be meaningless because the amount of clothing varies among various races. As if any theologian or moralist of standing ever said that the divine plan of the universe dictated a particular length of skirt! All they dictated was decent acquiescence in whatever was regarded as a reasonably unobtrusive length of skirt. But the writer did not think much of modesty as a reason for clothing; it was mentioned in Genesis and therefore could not Now it is quite be true. true that ornament is a very early element in this mysterious human behaviour; though the ornament often refers to taboos about sex. But this writer could not be content to say that dress began with ornament. He must insist on saying that dress began with ostentation. That is to say, he was bound to begin with a word that be-



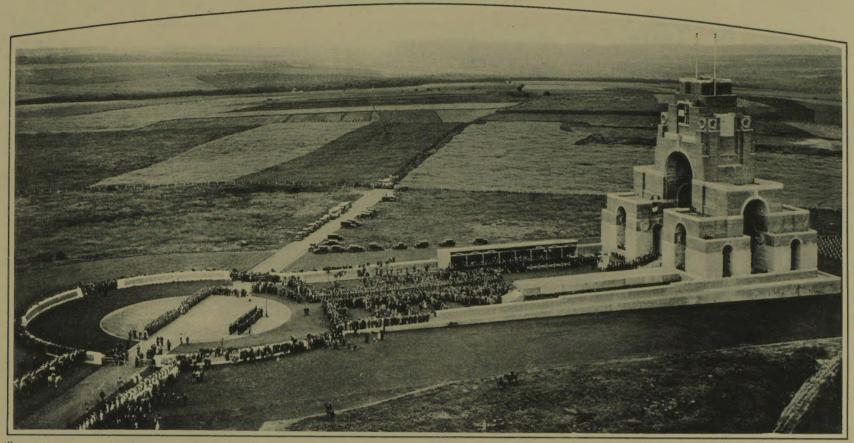
THE PRINCE OF WALES AND PRESIDENT LEBRUN AT THIEPVAL FOR THE UNVEILING OF A BRITISH WAR MEMORIAL:
INSPECTING THE GUARD OF HONOUR BEFORE THE CEREMONY.

The unveiling by the Prince of Wales of the great memorial to the missing at Thiepval on August 1 (as illustrated elsewhere in this number) was attended by M. Lebrun, President of the French Republic; M. Herriot, Premier and Foreign Minister; M. Paul-Boncour, Minister of War; and the Ministers of Justice and Pensions. The Prince and the President inspected the guard of honour of the 51st French Infantry Regiment, and then took up their positions in a tribune at the foot of the memorial. In the course of his speech the Prince expressed gratitude to the President for his presence, and through him thanked the French people for their sympathy. After the Prince had unveiled the monument, President Lebrun delivered an eloquent address, which was heard by thousands of British listeners over the wireless.

in his soul. He finds those questions as open questions. He finds them open just as he finds his ears or his lungs or his nostrils open; and he knows by instinct that through these open questions he draws in the air and life of the universe. Why dreams are different from daylight, why dead things are different from live things, why he himself is different from others, why beauty makes us restless and even love is a spring of quarrels, why we cannot so fit into our environment as to forget it and ourselves; all these things are felt vaguely by children on long empty afternoons; or by primitive poets writing the epics and legends of the morning of the world. And all legends, however barbaric, are filled with the wind of all this wider questioning. They all refer back to these ancient unfathomable wells which go down deeper than the reason into the very roots of the world, but contain the springs that refresh the reason and keep it active for ever. The object of the rationalist historian is to choke up those wells. He puts in a sort of plug, like a stupid plumber, to stop the flowing of the fountain

littles and depreciates; even when it is inapplicable. A whole tribe could not wear the same clothes out of ostentation; and in our modern tribe it is commoner to wear no clothes with that object. Besides, ornament began with all sorts of things other than clothes; pottery and walls and weapons and so on. And if the writer supposes that one superior baboon could say to another slightly inferior baboon, "Paint or weave me an ornament that coils like the whirlpool or dances like the waves, that catches the stars in a net or branches into suns like a rose-tree into roses; because I am feeling ostentatious this morning," and that the common workman would then carry out the task—why then the writer considerably underrates the subtlety even of the most primitive and prehistoric art. But he must have a word that shrivels and cheapens something; so he calls the whole mystery of the human thirst for beauty" ostentation." But anybody who has read many books of this swaggering scientific sort knows that there can be a good deal of ostentation with no beauty at all.

OPENING "A NEW BOOK OF LIFE": A GREAT WAR MEMORIAL UNVEILED.



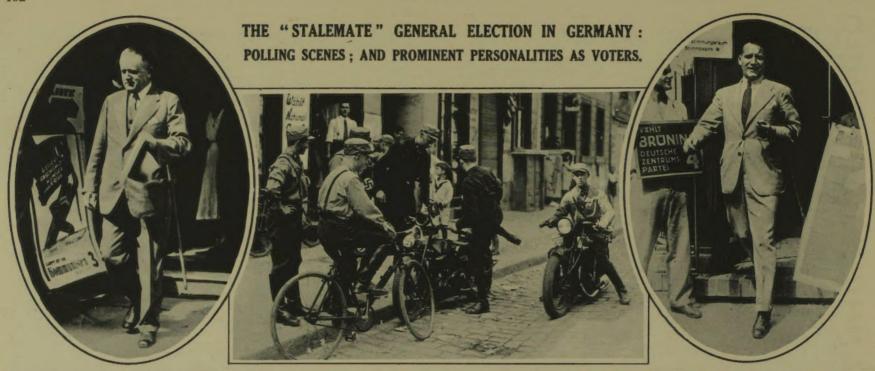
. MUST BE THE FOUNDATION AND GUIDE TO A BETTER CIVILISATION": AN AIR VIEW OF THE GREAT MEMORIAL TO THE ON THE THIEPVAL RIDGE OVERLOOKING THE SOMME BATTLEFIELD, DURING THE UNVEILING BY THE PRINCE OF WALES. (OVER 73,000) ERECTED ON THE THIEPVAL RIDGE



THE LAST AND GREATEST OF THE BRITISH WAR MEMORIALS ERECTED BY THE IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION IN FRANCE: THE MASSIVE THIEPVAL MONUMENT AS SEEN FROM THE GROUND—A VIEW SHOWING THE FRENCH TRICOLOUR AND THE UNION JACK SIDE BY SIDE NEAR THE SUMMIT, AND AT THE BASE THE COLOURS OF THE BRITISH LEGION AND FRENCH EX-SOLDIERS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE MAIN STEPS.

The British Memorial at Thiepval to those missing in the Somme battles, bearing the names of 73,357 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South Africa, was unveiled on August 1 by the Prince of Wales, as President of the Imperial War Graves Commission. This great monument (as noted under the illustration in our last issue) marks the close of the Commission's fifteen years' task of commemorating the Empire's million dead. After his speech, the Prince touched

a button on the rostrum, whereupon the French and British colours fell from the tablets inscribed "From the grateful British Empire to the French and British armies." In the course of his address he said: "These myriads of names... must form no mere Book of the Dead. They must be the opening chapter in a new Book of Life—the foundation and guide to a better civilisation, from which war shall be banished."



THE NEW "COMMISSARIAL" MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR IN PRUSSIA VOTING; HERR BRACHT LEAVING A POLLING STATION.

A NAZI CYCLIST SQUAD IN READINESS FOR EMERGENCIES ON POLLING DAY; MEMBERS OF HERR HITLER'S PARTY, WHICH WON THE MOST SEATS BUT NOT A MAJORITY IN THE NEW REICHSTAG.

THE EX-COMMANDANT OF BERLIN POLICE LEAVING A POLLING STATION: COLONEL HEIMANNSBERG.



THE CHANCELLOR (AND REICH COMMISSIONER FOR PRUSSIA, SINCE THE COUP D'ETAT) ATTRACTS PUBLIC INTEREST AS A VOTER: HERR VON PAPEN (CROSSING THE PAVEMENT TO HIS CAR) LEAVING A BERLIN POLLING STATION UNDER A FIRE OF FILM CAMERAS.



THE REICHSWEHR MINISTER WHO RECEIVED EXECUTIVE POWER UNDER THE NEW RÉGIME: GENERAL VON SCHLEICHER LEAVING A POLLING STATION AFTER VOTING.



A POLLING STATION IN ONE OF THE BERLIN HOSPITALS, WHERE NEARLY ALL THE PATIENTS WERE ENABLED TO RECORD THEIR VOTES; A TYPICAL QUEUE OF VOTERS ATTIRED IN PYJAMAS.

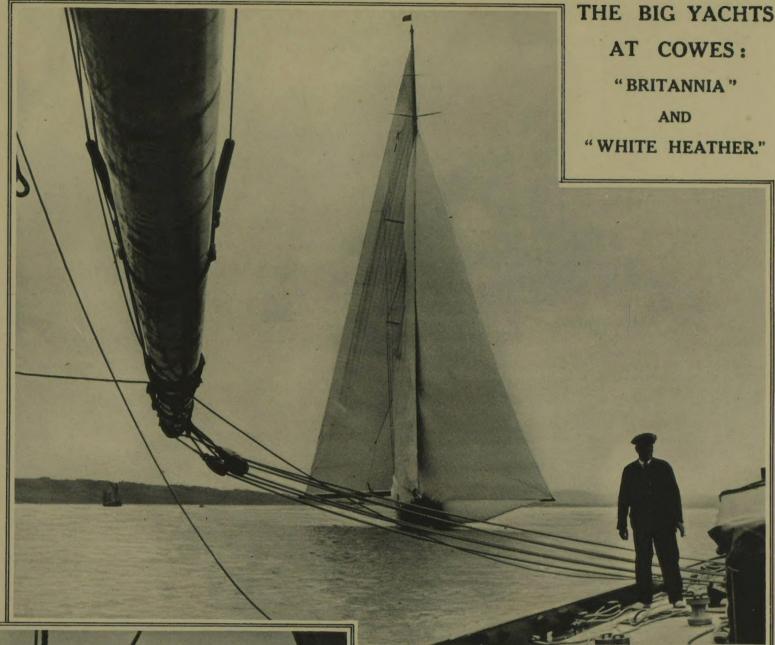
The result of the German Election, held on Sunday, July 31, was regarded as a stalemate which favours the Government established by the recent coup d'état, leaving its position undisturbed, for no single party or combination of parties obtained a majority in the new Reichstag. According to official provisional returns issued the following day, the 607 seats are now distributed as follows among the various parties: Nazis (or National Socialists), 230; Socialists, 133; Communists, 89; Centre, 75; Bavarian People's Party, 22; Nationalists, 37; German People's Party, 7; State Party, 4; Economic Party, 1; Agrarian Landvolk, 1; Christian Socialists, 4; German Peasants, 2; and Wurttemberg Peasants, 2. Herr Hitler, in a message to the Nazis, now far the strongest party, hailed the result as "a



SPECIAL POLLING FACILITIES FOR RAILWAY TRAVELLERS ON ELECTION DAY IN GERMANY: A GROUP OF PASSENGERS RECORDING THEIR VOTES AT THE ANHALTER STATION, BERLIN.

great victory." It has been pointed out, however, that, though the Nazis have more than doubled the number of their seats, their rate of progress seems to have reached high-water mark, for their total votes show only a slight increase on those gained in the many State elections during the last two years. The Socialists, although they have lost three seats, as compared with 1930, have more than made up their losses in State elections. The Nationalists have lost five seats, and the Communists have gained nine. Summing up, the "Times" Berlin correspondent says: "The general result would seem to have been a disappointment to the Right, and a sign that the Left's reaction to recent developments has set in sooner than might have been expected."

N a day of very light weather, which came between the hard winds of the previous week and the strong breeze with which Cowes Week opened on the Monday, the Royal Southampton Yacht Club held its annual regatta at Cowes on Saturday, July 30. Owing to the lightness of the wind, all the leading classes were stopped at the end of the first round. In the race for the big yachts, Mr. H. A. Andreae's "Candida" was first round the weather mark, the Solent Banks Buoy, and increased her lead to come in a very easy winner. The "Britannia" was at one time second boat, but was displaced by "Shamrock V." and by "White Heather." The latter finished third, but won second prize on handicap. Our photographs were taken from "Candida" during the race.

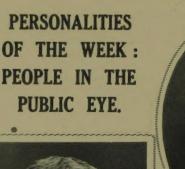




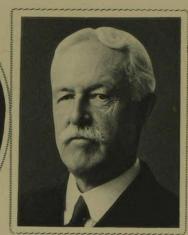
LIGHT AIRS AND A FULL STRETCH OF CANVAS: THE BIG CLASS—HIS MAJESTY'S CUTTER "BRITANNIA" (TOP), WITH SPINNAKER SET; AND "WHITE HEATHER" (BELOW), PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE DECK OF "CANDIDA."







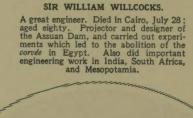
Editor of the "Scotsman" from 1905 to 1924, after having been its London manager and Parliamentary Correspondent for twenty-five years. Prominent in promoting the reunion of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church. Died July 30; aged 79.



MR. H. G. HUTCHINSON.

Died July 27; aged seventy-three. A great golfer, sportsman, and writer. Twice amateur golf champion, and played the greatest part in bringing the game to England. Edited, and wrote most of, the "Badminton Library" volume on golf. A fine essayist on many subjects.







THE UNVEILING OF THE THIEPVAL MEMORIAL:
THE YOUNG EARL HAIG AT THE CEREMONY.
The son of the late Earl Haig was present, on August 1, at the unveiling by the Prince of Wales of the British memorial at Thiepval to the missing who fell in the Battles of the Somme. With this memorial the commemoration of the British soldiers who fell in France and Belgium during the war is complete.

O EXHAUSTED PLAYERS: E. H. VINES AND BOROTRA (R.) AFTER THE LATTER'S VICTORY. magnificent and very gruelling match, J. Borotra E. H. Vines in the Challenge Round for the Davis between France and the United States. The score 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. After the match Borotra, had considered himself too old for Davis Cup Singles, ed in the dressing-room. France retained the Cup.



POLICE-LIEUT. HENTSCHEL

German who set up a new gliding rd on July 28, by remaining in the or 16 hours 13 minutes. A review book on gliding, and two pages of notographs, appear on other pages.



MONSIGNOR SEIPEL.

own as the "Wolsey of Austria," ause he was a great prelate and tician. Died August 2; aged fifty-six. ame a member of the Austrian inet in 1918, and Chancellor in 1922.





SURVIVORS OF THE "NIOBE," THE GERMAN TRAINING-SHIP THAT SANK IN A SQUALL WITH THE LOSS OF SIXTY-NINE LIVES: A GROUP OF RESCUED OFFICERS AND MEN.

As noted on another page, the German training-ship "Niobe" capsized on July 26 with the loss of sixty-nine officers, petty officers, naval cadets and ratings—more than half of the total complement. The commanding officer, Lieut-Commander Ruhfus, was on deck when the ship capsized, and was among the survivors. He is shown in the middle of the front row. He refuted the suggestion that the "Niobe" was carrying too much sail.



MR. BRUCE BOSSOM.

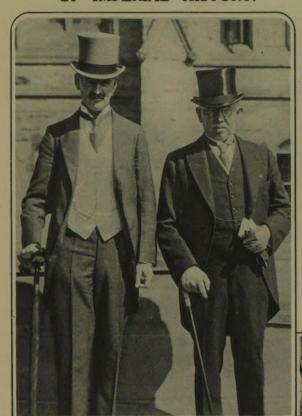
Killed in an aeroplane crash near Farn-ham on July 27; aged twenty-one. The son of Mr. A. C. Bossom, M.P. for Maid-stone. His mother and a friend were also killed in the crash.



MRS. A. C. BOSSOM.

Killed with her son and a friend, Count Otho Erbach-Fürstenau, in an aeroplane crash on July 27. The machine, piloted by Mr. Bruce Bossom, was on a cruising flight from Heston.

THE OTTAWA CONFERENCE: OPENING A NEW PAGE OF IMPERIAL HISTORY.



MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN AND MR. J. H. THOMAS ARRIVING AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE FOR THE OPENING OF THE OTTAWA CONFERENCE.

In the King's message to the Conference, it was written: "At this Conference you are opening a new page of history on which within a few weeks will be written the record of a determined effort to solve the difficulties weighing so heavily not only upon us, but upon the whole world. . . . [Continued opposite.



MR. S. M. BRUCE (AUSTRALIA), MR. R. B. BENNETT (THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER), AND MR. J. G. COATES (NEW ZEALAND) AT OTTAWA.



THE SETTING IN MOTION BENEFICIAL FORCES IN THE COMMONWEALTH.



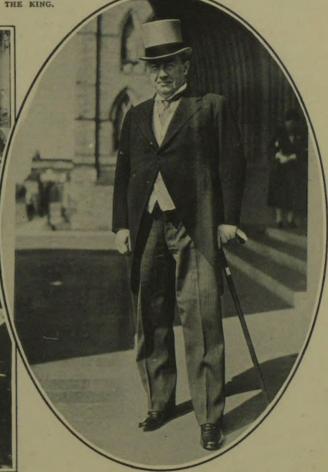
VISCOUNT HAILSHAM AND VISCOUNTESS HAILSHAM AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE FOR THE OPENING OF THE OTTAWA CONFERENCE.

The British Empire is based on the principle of co-operation, and it is now your common purpose to give the fullest possible effect to that principle in the economic sphere. By so doing you will set in motion beneficial forces within the British Commonwealth which may well extend their impulse also to the world at large."



THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, STANDING BEFORE THE SPEAKER'S CHAIR, READS THE KING'S MESSAGE IN THE CHAMBER OF THE COMMONS.—ON THE LEFT OF THE CHAIR, THE BRITISH DELEGATES WITH THE NEW ZEALAND, IRISH, AND INDIAN DELEGATES; ON THE RIGHT OF THE CHAIR, THE CANADIAN DELEGATES, WITH THE AUSTRALIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATES.

The Imperial Economic Conference opened at Ottawa on July 21. The ceremonial proper was preceded by a simple but most impressive scene in the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower, which honours the 68,000 Canadians who gave their lives in the Great War; when Mr. Bennett spoke, Mr. Baldwin read a special short prayer, and the leaders of the delegations laid wreaths at the base of the Altar of Remembrance. A move was then made to the Chamber of the Commons, where the Governor-General, Lord Bessborough, was awaited. On his arrival the



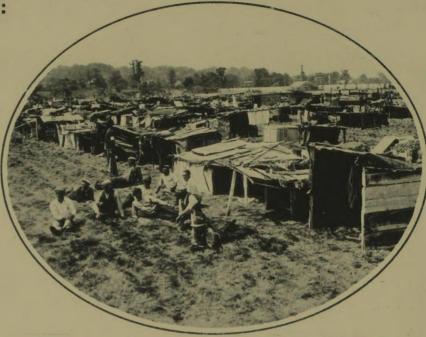
MR. STANLEY BALDWIN, LEADER OF THE BRITISH DELE-GATES, ON HIS ARRIVAL AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE FOR THE OPENING OF THE IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AT OTTAWA ON JULY 21.

Governor-General was met by Mr. Bennett, who escorted him down the centre of the House and then took a place at his right hand. Lord Bessborough read the message from his Majesty the King, and also delivered a personal address of welcome. In the course of this, he said: "You meet to-day as the chosen trustees of the Empire, knowing that your deliberations will materially affect the welfare of millions of people. I humbly join the people of Canada in their prayers for Divine blessings upon your deliberations." The proceedings were broadcast.

MEMORABLE EVENTS OF THE WEEK: HAPPENINGS AT HOME AND ABROAD.



ENGLAND'S LAST TRIBUTE TO THE LATE KING MANOEL: THE COFFIN EMBARKED IN H.M.S. "CONCORD" (FLYING THE PORTUGUESE ROYAL STANDARD AT HALF-MAST).



THE EVICTION OF THE "BONUS ARMY" FROM WASHINGTON: PART OF ITS CAMP

OF RAMSHACKLE HUTS BEFORE IT WAS CLEARED AND BURNT.

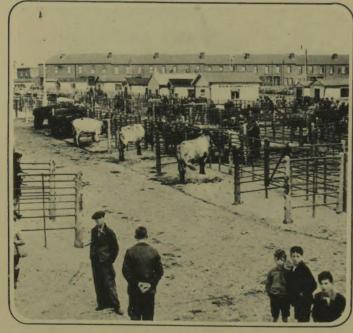
The "Bonus Army" of American veterans (ex-Servicemen), who had collected at Washington from all parts of the United States to demand payment of war bonus, was recently evicted from its camp of hovels, dug-outs, and dilapidated shelters on Government land. Their demands were rejected by Congress. On July 29 the "Bonus Army" set out for a march of more than 150 miles to a new concentration point near Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

COMMEMORATING NEARLY 35,000 MISSING BRITISH MISSING BRITISH
SOLDIERS AND OVER
IOOO AIRMEN: THE
ARRAS MONUMENT
UNVEILED BY LORD
TRENCHARD (SEEN BESIDE THE PREFECT OF ARRAS, SPEAKING, ON THE RIGHT).

RIGHT).

Lord Trenchard, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, unveiled at Arras, on July 31, the last monument to the missing in that part of the old British Front. It commemorates 34,921 soldiers of the British Empire, and 1021 men of the Air Services, who have no known graves. Lord Trenchard said: "The thousand names carved on the four sides of this obelisk, which forms more particularly the Air Services memorial on this spot, are those of airmen. ... The globe placed on the obelisk stands exactly ... as our globe hung in space on the morning of Armistice Day, 1918."





AN EFFECT OF THE IRISH "TARIFF WAR" ON TRADE IN LIVESTOCK:

EMPTY PENS IN THE DUBLIN CATTLE MARKET.

Discussing the effect of Mr. de Valera's tariff policy, the Dublin correspondent of the "Times" wrote recently: "The farmers' export trade has come to a virtual standstill. . . . If the economic war lasts much longer a real crisis will be created. The shopkeepers are at their wits' end. If the farmers cannot sell their livestock, they obviously cannot buy goods in the local shops."



THE VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM'S TREASURE OF THE WEEK: A FRENCH PANDURINA.



BANK HOLIDAY TRAFFIC DURING A GREAT LONDON THUNDERSTORM: A BUS SPLASHING THROUGH A FLOODED STREET AT STRATFORD. A violent thunderstorm, accompanied by heavy rain, broke over London and surrounding districts on Bank Holiday, August 1. One man was killed (at Twickenham) by lightning, and seven others were injured, while buildings were struck and damaged in various places. Electric railway and tramway services were temporarily put out of action, and many streets were flooded.

THE "NIOBE"-LOST WITH SIXTY-NINE LIVES: THE GERMAN NAVY'S ILL-FATED TRAINING-SHIP, WHICH CAPSIZED IN THE BALTIC DURING A SQUALL.



CADETS AT SAIL DRILL IN THE "NIOBE,"
WHICH CAPSIZED IN THE BALTIC AND
FOUNDERED WITH A LOSS OF SIXTY-NINE
LIVES.

MASTED SAILING-SHIP WITH A 240 - H.P. AUXILIARY MOTOR: A 650-TON BARQUE LAUNCHED IN 1913.

CADETS AT SAIL DRILL IN THE "NIOBE," THE TRAINING-SHIP LOST WITH "THE BEST PART OF A YEAR'S RECRUITS TO THE COMMISSIONED RANKS OF THE GERMAN NAVY."



RESCUE DRILL IN THE "NIOBE": HAULING IN A LIFEBOAT.

The German Navy's training-ship "Niobe," which was on a cruise in the Baltic, capsized in a squall on the afternoon of July 26, near Fehmarn Lightship, and foundered in under three minutes. Sixty-nine officers, petty officers, naval cadets, and ratings perished. Forty survivors were landed at Kiel by the cruiser "Köln" on the morning of the 27th, and owe their lives to the fact that the Hamburg steamer "Therese Russ" was near the "Niobe" at the moment of the disaster. To quote the "Times" Berlin correspondent: "The master of the 'Therese Russ'...



CADETS ALOFT IN THE RIGGING: THE "NIOBE" CLOSE-HAULED.

saw a violent squall tear at the canvas of the 'Niobe' and lay the ship hard over on her side. In the next instant she had capsized. . . Official statements . . . refute the suggestion made in the Press that the 'Niobe' was carrying too much sail." Thus the best part of a year's recruits to the commissioned ranks of the German Navy went to their death. According to "Jane's Fighting Ships," the "Niobe," whose displacement was 650 tons, measured 151½ by 301-6 by 15½ feet. She had an auxiliary motor of 240 h.p.



The World of the Theatre.

By J. T. GREIN.



PAUSE AND COMMENT.—THE HOLIDAY MOOD.

WITH no new productions, if we except the new programme of varieties at Daly's, and only three revivals—"Escape" at the Garrick, "Masks and Faces" at the Lyric, Hammersmith, and "The Silver Cord" at the Embassy, Swiss Cottage—first-night playgoers have enjoyed during the past week or two a holiday; a holiday not unwelcome in such glorious summer weather. In England it is pardonable to be enthusiastic about the sunshine, and we take advantage of its joys by escaping from the streets into the country. There is a general exodus by road, rail, and river to the greater freedoms and lesser responsibilities that a holiday, however brief, affords. We don flannels and blazers and taste the pleasures that Stevenson praised of doing nothing in particular. Who would exchange the lazy simplicities of a picnic in a Thames backwater, a stroll through leafy lanes and over green meadows, a camp chair on the sands with the sea murmuring peacefully, the waves breaking gently on the shore on a warm summer's evening, for any seat in a theatre? The theatre manager, unless he has an established success, has good reason to be nervous when Summer enters into competition with her pageantry. It is not that we forsake Art and prefer with her pageantry. It is not that we forsake Art and prefer hat we forsake Art and preter Nature—though it is to put a flattering value on most theatrical productions by such a description—but that we obey a healthy instinct. It is good both physically and mentally to get into a less restricted sphere, to shake off restricted sphere, to shake off the cramping monotonies and routines of town life, and to forget the tyrannies of the clock. It is refreshing and rejuvenating to discover again the simple pleasures of simple things, to widen companionship and realise other interests than our own. Shaftesbury Avenue is not the world, and its favour-ites, whose names are familiar ites, whose names are familiar as household words to the regular patrons with an absorbing interest in the theatre, mean nothing to the thousands who rarely or never go. After all, there may be as many who rarely or never go. After all, there may be as many rewards and thrills in gardening as in first-night playgoing. And we may as well state categorically at this point, to prevent misconceptions, that Nature is not Art. A landscape by Turner or Constable is a distinct creation. You may describe Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in terms of critical appreciation, but Niagara is safe from criticism. No; we go primarily to the country or the seaside when the sunshine invites in the spirit of holiday, of escape, and with something of barbarian enthusiasm.

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Since we will be out of town, or, at any rate, out of doors, then we must look there for the liveliest activities of entertainment. It is probably this which persuades Sir Barry Jackson to open again his three weeks' Summer Festival at Malvern on Monday, Aug. 1, where the chief event will be the production of the new Shaw play, "Too True To Be Good." This is the season of pageants and festivals, and Londoners will not forget the military display and Searchlight Tattoo at the Stadium; Woolwich Common, which was held from July 27 to 30, for those who saw the Aldershot Tournament knew what delightful entertainment to expect. History is full of inspiration to the pageantmaster, and nothing could be more beautiful, more picturesque or attractive than the historical pageant of Kentish history just completed at Bexley. Fourteen miles from Charing Cross, sheltered from the arterial by-pass road that avoids Shooter's Hill, stands Hall Place, with its

spacious, well-timbered grounds, associated with the honeymoon of the Black Prince and the Fair Maid of Kent. What a perfect natural setting!—and Mr. Frank Lascelles knew how to make full use of it. Pageantry amid such surroundings, pageantry that binds into itself so much of the web and woof of our history and national character, takes on something in its aspect of the elements of drama. We are more than just onlookers at episodic representations full of colour and movement. Something is established

at the movement.

At the Garrick you will not be disappointed, for his revival of "Escape" is not only bravely done, but presents revival of "Escape" is not only bravely done, but presents Galsworthy in his kindest mood. His sympathies, while still with the under-dog, extend to all his characters. There is a lively understanding humour, too, cementing this episodic narrative, and a dramatic tension which the admirable production preserves. These characters, both men and women, old and young, in varying grades of society, are all observed faithfully and delineated with life and vigour. They are all clearly set on the stage, and from the moment Mr. Colin Clive as the convict meets Miss Betty Hardy as the girl of the town when the curtain rises, through the various adventures which follow, meeting such diverse figures as are portrayed so excellently by Mr. Lion, Mr. Whatmore, Mr. Raglan, and such sympathetic young women as Miss Konstam, Miss Joan Henley, and Miss Thumling describe, there is no flagging of interest. For Mr. Galsworthy knows the value of economy and directness. His attack is always sure, and his contrasts ably contrived. So if we are denied the opportunities to enjoy the invitations of out-of-town and out-of-door attractions, and are not willing to watch the ephemeral amusements which variety offers, then to such playgoers "Escape," at the Garrick, means a way out and its own rewards.



AS THE SHAVIAN MICROBE: MR. ERNEST THESIGER IN "TOO TRUE TO BE GOOD," THE NEW PLAY BY AS THE SHAVIAN MICROBE: MR. ERNEST THESIGER IN "TOO TRUE TO BE GOOD," THE NEW PLAY BY BERNARD SHAW, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MALVERN FESTIVAL TO-DAY, AUGUST 6.
"Too True To Be Good," which had its world première at the Colonial Theatre, Boston, on February 29, will be first shown in this country during the Malvern Festival. It will be played twice on August 6, in the afternoon and in the evening. During the second week of the Festival, there will be two matince performances of it and one in the evening, and the arrangements are the same for the third week. The Festival itself began on August 1; and, in addition to "Too True To Be Good," six other plays are being given—John Heywood's "The Play of the Wether" (1533); Nicholas Udall's "Ralph Roister Doister" (1552); Ben Jonson's "The Alchemist" (1610); Thomas Southerne's "Oroonoka" (1695); Henry Fielding's "Tom Thumb the Great" (1730); and Dion Boucicault's "London Assurance" (1841). "Too True To Be Good" is expected to come to the Queen's Theatre in London on September 14.

apart from the action growing out of the incidents—a whole idea, perspective and unity that does not make the industrial development exhibition which accompanies it seem incongruous. There is inspiration for these difficult times if we will but take a passing glance at the pageant of endeavours.

With such a holiday mood prevailing, it was an appropriate gesture of Mr. Sydney Carroll and Mr. Lewis Schaverien to move their excellent company appearing in "Twelfth Night" at the New for a few matineés to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Regent's Park. I remember

THE COUNTRY CLUB-CANADIAN STYLE: THE SEIGNIORY AND ITS LOG CHATEAU



THE LOG CHÂTEAU: A VIEW OF THE DINING-ROOM WING, ROCK GARDENS, AND FLAGGED TERRACE; WITH PART OF THE BEAUTIFUL LAWNS WHICH RUN DOWN TO THE EDGE OF THE OTTAWA RIVER, A HUNDRED YARDS AWAY.

THE SEIGNIORY CLUB, NEAR OTTAWA, OF WHICH ALL DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE AUTOMATICALLY BECOME TEMPORARY MEMBERS: AN AIR VIEW, SHOWING THE OTTAWA RIVER AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY.

To accept and enjoy everything that Canadian hospitality is ready to offer them, the delegates to the Imperial Conference would have to be men of more than human capacities. Few of them, however, are likely to miss spending an afternoon, or possibly a week-end, at the Seigniory, Lucerne-in-Quebec, the new country club on the banks of the Ottawa River. The Seigniory Club, of which the delegates automatically become members, and at which some may stay permanently while in Canada, is within fifty miles of Ottawa, and has grounds a hundred and twenty square miles in area. This land stretches

grounds a hundred and twenty square miles in area. This land stretches back from the river into the forest-covered Laurentian Hills, where game, chiefly partridge and deer, is preserved for shooting. There are twenty three good-sized lakes, of which the largest, Lac Commandant, is eight miles long. There is also Salmon River, as well as many smaller streams, on the property, so that both lake and river fishing is available, chiefly for trout and bass. The stock is kept up by special hatcheries. Near the club buildings is a fine eighteen-hole golf-course. Seaplanes can land easily on the broad reach of river, here about twice as wide as the Thames at London, which lies in front of the club; while a piece of ground which makes a natural aviation field is of the club; while a piece of ground which makes a natural aviation field is kept for the use of land aeroplanes. The fact that the club stands on the opposite bank of the river from Ottawa, in the French province of Quebec, [Continued below.



THE LOG CHÂTEAU, A LARGE AND LUXURIOUS LOG CABIN BUILT BY SEIGNIORY CLUB, WITH BATHS TO EVERY BED-ROOM: A STAIRWAY AND LOUN WITH OLD-FASHIONED "HABITANT" HEADS CARVED ON THE BANISTER.



THE LOG CHÂTEAU FROM THE RIVER, BEFORE THE PRESENT BOAT-HOUSE WAS BUILT: PART OF A COUNTRY CLUB WHICH HAS 120 SQUARE MILES OF GROUNDS, WITH FACILITIES FOR EVERY KIND OF SPORT.



A CLUB WHICH HAS PRIVATE COTTAGES FOR MEMBERS AMONG THE WOODS, BESIDES THE CENTRAL BUILDINGS: A VIEW OF THE LOUNGE OF THE LOG CHÂTEAU TAKEN FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

means, incidentally, that it is free from many of the liquor law restrictions which are in force in other parts of Canada. The Seigniory Club property was bought about four years ago from the Papineau family, one of whom built, in 1850, the Manor House, where 'he club balls and entertainments are now held. It is a stone building in the genuine French château style, both inside and outside, and the present furniture is in keeping. The club itself has built the log château, which is illustrated in our photographs. There is a large swimming-bath filled with water kept at a constant temperature and treated with ultra-violet rays. No possible sport is lacking. A half-mile steeplechase course has been made, and there will soon be a polo ground. The mile steeplechase course has been made, and there will soon be a polo ground. The club has stables where members can obtain horses to ride when they want them. A boat-house has recently been built. The Seignlory is as much a winter as a summer club. There are numerous ski-runs through the woods; a ski-jump on which Canadian records have already been made; a bob-sleigh run; and, of course, excellent skating. Each week some special event takes place at the club. Canoe races and golf and tennis tournaments are being held there during the Conference in Ottawa. The membership is distinctly international, being almost annully divided between Canadians and Americans. is distinctly international, being almost equally divided between Canadians and Americans. Lucerne-in-Quebec is easily accessible from Monteal as well as from Ottawa. For the above information, we are indebted to Mr. G. Delap Stevenson, of Ottawa.

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ACE DO NEW FACTS ABOUT THE "NASTURTIUM."

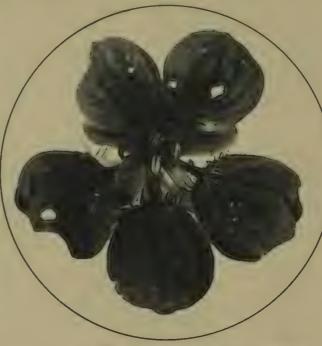
By W. P. PYCRAFT, F.Z.S., Author of "Camouflage in Nature," "The Courtship of Animals," "Random Gleanings from Nature's Fields," etc.

HAT the advent of the herbaceous border pro-I foundly changed our conceptions of gardening, and brought about the introduction of hosts of new types of flowering plants, is beyond dispute. For many years, indeed, we have had a constant succession many years, indeed, we have had a constant succession of new varieties and new types. But, to my thinking, such borders should be well filled. I have seen some where the plants may be said to form so many oases in a desert of mould. Doubtless this generous amount of space gives the plant plenty of room, but the glorious effect of masses of colour is impossible of attainment.

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But where colour effect alone is appreciated, the garden yields only a small fraction of its potential joys. One should pass from the pageantry of the massed parade to an inspection of the component elements of this splendour. Thereby new splendours and new wonders of a different kind will be revealed. Compare the flower spikes of lupins or delphiniums with, say, Compare the the flower of the single dahlia or the sunflower, and note how strangely they differ; and yet how much they have in common, for the dahlia-head is manifestly only a spike "telescoped," so as to bring all the flowers to one level. In the course of the telescoping, it will be noticed, the "florets" have become much changed; so that those forming the central disc stand in sharp those forming the central disc stand in sharp contrast with those forming the outer rays of that disc. Take a lens and you will see what they share in common, these two types. For the central disc will be found to be composed of a compact mass of tubular flowers, each with its normal complement of anthers and stigmas, while in the "ray-flowers" one side of the tube has grown outwards, to form a gaily coloured petal.

dependent on the insects for their existence. These are the intermediaries to carry the fertilising pollen of one flower to the ripe stigma of another, else there will be no seed formed. This service they render quite unconsciously when they visit the flower for the sake of the nectar it contains. In sipping this, the head or the body, as the case may be, gets dusted with pollen, and this is unavoidably brushed off on



THE ANTHERS HAVE BEGUN TO SET FREE THEIR POLLEN, AND, TO THIS END,
RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE
PALISADE: A NASTURTIUM FLOWER FROM
THE SAME PLANT.

Here it will be impossible for the beet to reach the nectar without becoming dusted with pollen. The presence and function of this "palisade" seems not to have been noticed or described by botanists.

to the stigma of the next flower visited. But it is not a case of any insect to any flower. Far from it. The precious nectar is so placed that only certain insects can

get it. Hence it will be found that the flower and the insect have become specially adjusted to one another. Hence some flowers are available only to bees, moths, and butterflies; some to day- and some to nightflying insects; some appeal by colour, some by scent, and some combine both allurements. This adjustment is no figment of the imagination. A little reflection will show that if there had been no bright-hued flowers there would have been no bees, and no butterflies or moths. For the long and complex tongues of these insects have come into being solely in response to the conditions imposed in collecting nectar, which is often, though wrongly, referred to as "honey." For this is nectar transformed within the stomach of the bee.

Happily for us, and for our gardens, each kind of flower has gone its own way to attain the same end. Hence the bewildering array of colours and shapes, and arrangements of petals, stamens, and pistils. And they have diverged no less markedly in their methods of forming and dispersing their seeds. But this forms the theme of a separate enquiry. How rich a field there is for study, even How rich a field there is for study, even in a small garden, will become apparent directly our flower borders come to be carefully surveyed with these things in mind. We shall always be making new mind. We discoveries.

A case in point seems to have occurred in regard to myself. The other day I was lost in admiration of my "nasturtiums" (Tropæolum) which just now make a most delightful blaze of colour. Why are nasturtiums so seldom seen in gardens nowadays, save in cottage gardens? The range of colours they display, especially the dwarf varieties, is astonishing. Plucking a bloom to examine it more closely in regard to its long, tube-like nectary and its gay petals,

I noticed that the lower petals were each provided with a sort of upstanding palisade in the throat of the flower. And, suspecting that this had a "purpose" of some sort in regard to insect visits, I began to examine the stamens. In all the newly opened blooms the anthers were pressed down close to the floor of the throat and lay behind the palisade, which completely concealed them. Now, in these anthers there was no ripe pollen. In all the blooms where this was present. the anthers were raised up above the level of the palisade.

I next noticed that bees were busy here, mostly "humble-bees"—though in gardens in the open country other kinds of bees, and possibly butter-flies, will be found to frequent them. But be country other kinds of bees, and possibly butterflies, will be found to frequent them. But be
this as it may, I noticed that the palisade was
pressed down over the unripe pollen sacs of
the stamens, thus protecting them while the
bee was taking her fill of nectar. But when the
anthers were ripe, and raised up above the
palisade, the pollen was invariably brushed
off during the exploitation. I cannot find any
reference to this "palisade" or to any special
liking on the part of bees to this flower. But it
may well be that this most interesting peculiarity
has already been noticed and described. Perchance some of my readers may be able to enlighten me.

The nectar is formed at the bottom of the long tube shown in Fig. 1, so that the bee must thrust herself well down the throat to secure it, and this makes a thorough dusting with pollen certain; though sometimes it is formed in such abundance as to fill the whole tube. Another curious thing about these flowers is the way the blooms turn downwards when the processes of "setting" the seed has begun. Thereby they leave more room for the developing blooms. This story of the nasturtium-or, rather, of one small phase of its life-history-will, I trust, be regarded as justifying my contention that we do not get all the enjoyment out of our gardens that is waiting for us.



SHOWING HOW THE FLOWER ENSURES THE BEE'S HELP FERTILISATION: THE RIPENING FLOWER OF THE NASTURTIUM.

The three lower petals are provided with a transverse row of filaments forming "palisades" to guard the developing anthers, which are pressed down below the base of the palisade, which protects them when a bee enters to get the nectar from a tube at the back of the throat. The stigmas have not yet opened to receive pollen. The nectary now serves only as a lure which will tempt further visits when there is fertilisation to

Each petal, indeed, marks the position of a tube enclosing anthers and pistils: the one for forming pollen, the other for receiving it.

Go the round of the garden, and you will find no two flowers alike in this matter of the form of the petals and the anthers and pistils they enclose. These differences are infinitely varied, and in themselves afford a never-ending source of wonderment. But they are meaningless differences until we begin to examine them in relation to the outer world, and especially in relation to what we may call the insect world. For we shall then find that the infinite variety these flowers present is largely governed by the needs of the plants, on the one hand, and the insects on the other. For the flowering plants have become virtually For the flowering plants have become virtually



3. THE LONG TUBULAR NECTARY SHOWN IN SECTION: ANOTHER FLOWER OF THE SAME PLANT.

Normally the nectar is limited to the lower end, but at times it may be full to overflowing. The "palisade" can now be seen in side view. The style of the stigma, and the ovary, are also shown.

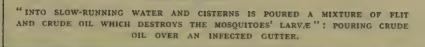
THE YELLOW FEVER ARMY IN ACTION: WAR ON THE DISEASE-CARRYING MOSQUITO IN BRAZIL.



LIKE THE FLAG-PINNING ON MAPS OF THE FRONT DURING THE GREAT WAR: MARKING DAILY PROGRESS IN THE ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN BY COLOURED BEADS ON A MAP OF RIO.

THE CARRIER OF A VIRULENT DISEASE THAT KILLED 400 PEOPLE IN TWO MONTHS AT RIO DE JANEIRO: A YELLOW FEVER MOSQUITO IN THE ACT OF PUNCTURING THE HUMAN SKIN.







ORGANISED FOR WAR AGAINST A TINY BUT DEADLY FOE: SOLDIERS OF THE FEVER ARMY, WITH LADDERS FOR REACHING WATER-CISTERNS IN HOUSE-LOFTS TO ENSURE THEIR BEING HERMETICALLY SEALED.

Man's worst enemy in the tropics is yellow fever. Its cause is a microbe, its only carrier a tiny mosquito which flies from one person to another to suck their blood. One can imagine the consequences of many milliards of such mosquitoes in a city such as Rio de Janeiro. Early in 1929, yellow fever ravaged Rio, and 400 persons died in scarcely two months. Three years ago, the "Mosquito Regiment" was formed in Brazil to fight the mosquito; the State bore sixty per cent., the Rockefeller Institute forty per cent., of the cost. Risk of death by infection is always present in the campaign, because the men are in daily contact with puddles where the insect lays eggs. Uniformed soldiers of the Fever Regiment—in Rio alone several hundred strong—march through the

USING NATURE AS AN ALLY AGAINST HERSELF: POURING MOSQUITO LARVÆ, COLLECTED IN AN AIR-TIGHT GAS-FLASK, INTO AN AQUARIUM TO BE DEVOURED BY LITTLE FISH KEPT FOR THE PURPOSE.

city, examining every suspected quarter. It is vitally important that water-cisterns should be hermetically sealed. Into slow-running water and cisterns is poured a mixture of Flit and crude oil, which destroys the larvæ. Wherever larvæ can be seen, they are gathered in air-tight gas-flasks, and emptied into an aquarium as food for thousands of little fish kept for the purpose. Such fish are also placed in waters of the native suburb, where they swim in open streams and in pipes, multiply exceedingly, and devour all larvæ. Yellow fever cannot spread through the atmosphere; where there are no mosquitoes, it does not exist. Since the Fever Regiment was formed, no one has died in Rio from this disease.—[Copyright Dorien Leigh-Munkacsi.]

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NONYMITY can hardly be called the prevailing vogue A NONYMITY can hardly be called the prevailing vogue among modern scribes, who, as a rule, endure with fortitude the inconveniences of publicity. Even to-day, however, a few writers prefer to withhold their names for one reason or another—either a distaste for the limelight, or a desire for freedom in personal allusions, generally in letters or reminiscences. There are still some stray disciples of Junius. An outstanding example is the author of "Further Letters From a Man of No Importance." 1914-1929 (Bles; 10s. 6d.). This book is a sequel to "Letters From a Man of No Importance," published a few years ago, which caused much curiosity as to the authorship, for they

to the authorship, for they showed him to be (as the publisher's "blurb" conpublisher's "blurb" con-cisely expresses it) "the personal friend of Royalty and of nearly all the lead-ing figures in politics and society both in London and in Paris." The same thing in Paris." The same thing may be said of the new

It did not fall to my lot to review the previous work, but its successor is so interesting, so witty and revealing, that I feel dis-posed to seek it out for my own amusement — not a common frame of mind among those whose duty it is to peruse new books by the score every week!

Though not in a position
myself to guess at the
writer's identity, I should
imagine that the mystery
is not unfathomable by those moving in the same circles, for he gives many circles, for he gives many clues in accounts of his own doings and acquaint-ances. There cannot be so many people, for example, who could say of the late Tsaritsa: "I remember her as a six-year-old child playing in the Orangery at Darmstadt"; or that "in Sarah [Bernhardt] I have lost a friend or that "in Sarah [Bern-hardt] I have lost a friend of thirty years' standing." While the letters are quite free from malice, there are certain references to men and matters which, perhaps, make the choice of a pseudonym' intelli-gible. One instance is a comment on the "cheek" of a foreign royalty; another is some rather straight talk concerning certain (unnamed) recipi-ents-of Honours.

These letters, which begin two days after the British declaration of war in 1914, were written from London, where the writer had "a job in the War Office," to a friend in Paris, and represent the sort of intimate talk about pro-

minent people and public not a runner, the money events that goes on between men of the world well versed in social and political affairs. men of the world well versed in social and political affairs. The actual period of the war occupies but a small part of the book, and a gap occurs from July 8, 1916 to Nov. 27, 1918. This and other lacunæ indicate frequent meetings between the writers in London or Paris. It seems rather a pity that there are no replies to the letters, for in any correspondence, as the poet says (I quote from memory)—

COIN-IN-THE-SLOT MACHINE BETTING: THE AUTO-MATIC "BOOKIE"; SHOWING THE DISC WITH HORSE NUMBERS, THE WIN AND PLACE MONEY-SLOTS, THE TICKET-ISSUER, AND TWO-SHILLING PIECES REPRESENTING BETS.

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PIECES REPRESENTING BETS.

The Racecourse Betting Control Board arranged that a battery of automatic coin-in-the-slot machines should be used at the August Bank Holiday Meeting at Bromford Bridge, Birmingham, in association with the all-electric totalisator. The machine in question has been developed by the Bell Punch Company, of London and Uxbridge, by whose courtesy we are able to give our illustrations. The method of operation is as follows: The person desirous of making a bet sets a rotatable disc marked with the numbers 1 to 40, representing Horse Numbers, so that the selected Horse Number rests opposite an indicating arrow. Then a two-shilling piece is inserted in one or other of the two money-slots (either Win or Place) according to the will of the punter; and a little later a ticket, printed in accordance with the selection, issues from the machine. This ticket is

with the selection, issues from the machine. This ticket is not issued until the coin has been tested by the machine. Once the mechanism has passed it, an electric signal is transmitted to the main totalisator apparatus; and only after the bet has been accepted and registered is a reply sent back to the slot

machine, which initiates the operation of printing and issuing the ticket. This procedure takes from 2 to 3 seconds. Should the punter insert a coin when the disc is set for a Horse Number not a runner, the money is returned by the machine.

.... Sender and sent-to go to make up this, Their offspring of this union.

Moreover, the writer admired his friend's epistolary style. "You are able," he says, "to do pen pictures which I enjoy, but can't reciprocate. I wish I had your gift."

The author's interests lie mainly in military and international matters, society, the theatre, and religion, apparently from the Anglo-Catholic standpoint. Whatever, the subject, it is the personal side that is stressed—the characters and actions of eminent persons. The writer's deepest devotion is reserved for Queen Alexandra and Lord Kitchener. He renders high tribute also to Haig and Foch, and in later years to the work of Lord Athlone in South Africa. Allusions to books are comparatively infrequent, for the writer is obviously more interested in

plays and players, though I see no mention, by the way, of Oscar Wilde and "A Woman of No Importance." There is, however, one reference to a book which will spring There is, however, one reference to a book which will spring to the mind of most readers as a parallel to this work. Did it perhaps suggest to the author the virtue of anonymity? In a letter dated Dec. 18, 1920, he says: "I have read—and you must do so — Mirrors of Downing Street, by a Gentleman With a Duster, very clever. The 'Mirrors' and the 'Duster' are undeniable, but I don't recognise the 'Gentleman.'" That mystery was solved, of course, on the death of Mr. Harold Begbie.

Lord Kitchener, again, is a dominant figure in a military biography of great historical value — namely, "General Sir John Maxwell." By Sir George Arthur, Bt. Foreword by the Duke of Connaught. Illustrated (Murray; 15s.). The Duke's tribute to Sir John recalls that of the King to Lord Plumer, whom his Majesty described as "a great administrator" as well as a fine soldier. It is evident from this book that Sir John Maxwell, likewise, combined exceptional John Maxwell, likewise, combined exceptional powers as a commander and an organiser with those qualities of tact and conciliation which made him a successful Military Governor, in the Sudan, South Africa, and Egypt. To Sir John Maxwell, as to the anonymous letter - writer. the

mous letter - writer, the death of Kitchener was a grievous blow. Dwelling on the mutual trust between the two, Sir George Arthur says: "Kitchener

IN THE SLOT MACHINE BETTING: HOW PUNTERS" CAN BACK THEIR FANCY.

had been for him not only a well-loved Chief, but a staunch and unswerving friend.... Maxwell was one of the little group to whom Kitchener would speak of the things near

his heart, and under the thinnest crust of sternness no kindlier heart ever lodged in human frame. To Maxwell as to Kitchener, Egypt was a sort of spiritual home."

Sir John Maxwell's biographer is apparently at some disadvantage through the absence of much domestic side to his life, for, although married, he had to spend most of his time on service abroad, and, until his last years, never had a home of his own in England. Consequently, there could be few of those private and familiar scenes which often form the most attractive part of such a memoir. His public career, however, in itself so full of interest, is very ably recorded. A further reason for the rather official character of the narrative is given in an epilogue by Sir John's only child, now Mrs. Clifford Carver, who was named "Philæ," after the famous temple—a fact that indicates his deep interest in Egyptian archæology. Mrs. Carver recalls his enthusiasm over the discovery of Tutankhamen's Tomb, and his friendship with the late Lord Carnarvon and Mr. Howard Carter, who found it. She points out that her mother, who could have given "the personal touch "to the story of Sir John's life, died very soon after him. The daughter's childhood memories of her father are vague, and she knew him best towards the end of his career. "I was Sir John Maxwell's biographer is apparently at some

with him in Ireland," she writes, when he was Commander-in-Chief during the Rebellion of 1916, and saw him at work there on a most ungrateful task, which he heartily hated... He had to appear as a cold-hearted tyrant, whereas he was in reality one of the kindest and most tender-hearted of men. It cost him hours of agony to sign the death-warrants of the Rebel Irish leaders."

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Autobiography and reminiscence continue to afford much lively reading, and I find myself wishing that, like Lucy in the old music-hall song, I could "linger longer" over the abundance of good fare provided in some books of this type. One particularly appetising example is "OARS, Wars, AND HORSES." By Major Vivian Nickalls. With a Foreword by Lord Ampthill and twenty-nine Illustrations (Hurst and Blackett; 18s.). The triple title indicates the three main elements in the author's story—"Oars," of course, referring to his rowing feats, "Wars" to his service with the Gunners in France and Italy, and "Horses" to his hereditary predilection for the hunting-field. Lord Ampthill, however, points out that the interest is by no means confined to these three subjects.

Major Nickalls tells us, for instance, regarding his early days, of Eton in the 'eighties and of Oxford in the 'nineties, including "one great Magdalen rag" directed against a Socialistic meeting in college, at which Mr. Bernard Shaw was expected. Whether Mr. Shaw was actually among the victims is left uncertain, but, if he was, we may perhaps trace to this occasion his plaintive opinion (which I heard him express recently over the wireless) that the public school and University man is "a walking calamity." Later on, Major Nickalls gives an interesting account of 'Varsity life in America, where he spent two years as rowing coach to the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. Elsewhere he describes flutters on the Stock Exchange, and visits to South Africa and Argentina. It is all quite gossipy and superficial, but full of good yarns.

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Equally varied and equally vivacious, though concerned mostly with matters of graver import, is "Velvet and Vinegar." By Lieut.-Col. Norman Thwaites, C.B.E., M.V.O., M.C. Illustrated (Grayson; 18s.). The author has seen beneath the surface of things on both sides of the Atlantic. He spent part of his schooldays in Germany, served in the South African War, and was for some years companion-secretary to Joseph Pulitzer, of the New York World. In the Great War he was severely wounded at Ypres. "A devil's picnic" he calls it—men "battering each other to pieces with weapons of diabolical precision," while a few miles away doctors and nurses strive to patch up "broken and tortured bodies" which had been "trained with infinite care during years of study." On his recovery he headed a Mission to America to organise an Intelligence branch in New York.

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In recounting his experiences, Col. Thwaites follows a subject classification rather than chronological sequence, dodging about in place and time as events and people recur to his memory. Especially entertaining are his tales of "counter espionage," New York's underworld, "Rogues I have Met," and "Trapping Fake Heroes." Among American acquaintances were President Roosevelt and his friend, the late Frederick W. Whitridge, who represented the States at the wedding of King Alfonso, and, had he lived, might have been Ambassador in London. Colonel Thwaites adds an interesting fact: "He [Mr. Whitridge] married on December 9, 1884, Matthew Arnold's eldest daughter, and on the same date in 1919 I married their elder daughter," In his closing retrospect the author touches on the curious title of his book—"To have been bored with life is to have been guilty of failure. The careful admixture of velvet with the vinegar is the combination to be aimed at by life's philosopher." A peculiar blend, both of ingredients and metaphors.

The element of newspaper work in the last-named book offers comparison with another entertaining volume of recollections—"When Fleet Street Calls." Experiences of a London Journalist. By J. C. Cannell, author of "The Secrets of Houdini." Illustrated (Jarrolds; 12s. 6d.). Here, perhaps, the most striking feature is the extensive part now played by aviation in the reporting of events. A foreword indicating the "high spots" of the author's record states: "J. C. Cannell has talked with kings and famous criminals. He has met murderers face to face. By air alone, he has travelled more than thirty thousand miles on 'big stories.' . . . We are told scores of curious tales of haunted houses, crazy inventors, runaway couples, slum fires, murderers' wives." And so on. Here, couples, slum fires, murderers' wives." And so on. Here, in short, is sensational journalism from the inside, and, to my thinking, the inside, as here disclosed, is more amusing than the exterior.

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THE SILENT SERVICE TELLS ITS STORY: "NAVY WEEK"—FROM "KENT" TO Q-SHIP.



SINGING A SEA-SHANTY OF FORMER DAYS: SAILORS IN OLD-TIME UNIFORMS TURNING THE CAPSTAN AT CHATHAM, WHILE A FIDDLER PLAYS THEM A TUNE.



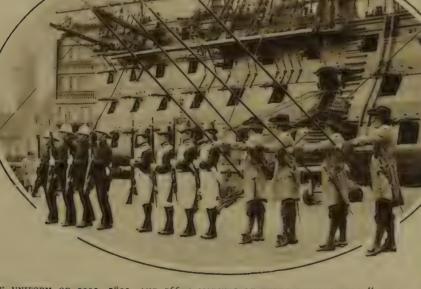
"NAVY WEEK" AT CHATHAM: A SCALE MODEL OF THE OLD SHIP-OF-WAR, H.M.S. "KENT," WHICH WAS BUILT AT DEPTFORD IN 1702.



THE VICTORY OF A Q-SHIP AT PORTSMOUTH: THE SINKING OF A "GERMAN" SUBMARINE BY FIRE FROM AN ARMED MYSTERY VESSEL CAMOUFLAGED AS A MERCHANTMAN.



THE SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION FROM MERCHANTMAN TO FIGHTING-SHIP BY LOWERING A SCREEN: "MERCHANT SEAMEN" BRING GUNS INTO ACTION ON BOARD A Q-SHIP.



THE UNIFORM OF 1932, 1805, AND 1664: MARINES OF THREE PERIODS—FOR "NAVY WEEK" AT PORTSMOUTH.

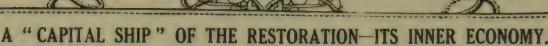
At Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth, "Navy Week," in which over 15,000 naval officers and men took part, began on Saturday, July 30. On the basis of previous years, it was anticipated that not fewer than 325,000 members of the public would, in the course of the Week, avail themselves of the opportunity of boarding men-of-war, watching submarines dive and torpedoes fired, aiming and firing naval guns, and seeing spectacular displays which contrast the activities of the old sailing Navy with those of the mechanised Fleet of to-day. At Plymouth the rescue by bluejackets of a steamer captured by Chinese pirates was one of the items; Portsmouth arranged to stage a duel between a submarine and a Q-ship of the Great War; and at Chatham a brief naval tattoo was provided, in which one of the scenes was a 100-voice choir of seamen singing



BRITISH SEA-FIGHTERS OF NELSON'S DAY: MARINES OF 1805 ON BOARD NELSON'S "VICTORY" AT PORTSMOUTH.

old sea-shanties. The fine model of the old "Kent," also shown at Chatham, is worthy of comparison with the "Victory" replica at Portsmouth, previously illustrated in these pages. The "Week" benefits naval charities.





AUTHENTIC DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION, RIG. ARMAMENT, AND INTERIOR ACCOMMODATION, IN A TYPICAL SHIP OF CHARLES IL'S NAVY.



(See the Double-page Coloured Drawing by our Special Artist, G. H. DAVIS, elsewhere in this Number.)

I N our issue of March 2, 1929, we gave an illustration in colour of an Elizabethan war-ship, drawn as far as possible to scale, and showing details of the interior from the somewhat meagre information available regarding vessels of that great era in English naval history. This lack of technical records of Elizabethan shipbuilding renders it extremely difficult to represent ships of the period with complete accuracy. Moreover, marine artists of that time were not concerned with scale-drawing and detail of ships, but rather confined themselves to painting seascapes.

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When we come to the Restoration in 1660, however, When we come to the Restoration in 1660, however, the conditions of research are completely changed, and we are suddenly confronted with a wealth of material that was carefully collected and preserved for posterity by Samuel Pepys, the famous diarist, who was Clerk of the Acts from 1660 to 1673, and then became Secretary of the Admiralty until 1689. Furthermore, he was backed by King Charles II., who himself took great interest in his Navy, and in 1660 made his brother, the Duke of York, Lord High Admiral. The Duke held that post until 1673, when the first Board of Admiralty was appointed. Besides a number of beautifully drawn scale-draughts of ships of the period, we have inherited very comprehensive lists, giving accurate details of the Fleet and dimensions of each

giving accurate details of the Fleet and dimensions of each ship. At this time, the practice of making scale-models of all ships became common, and these provide information impossible to obtain even from the excellent draughts. Finally, the marine painter came to our assistance, and the great artistic skill of the two Van de Veldes, father and son, has not only given us great works of art, but also a wealth of detail of the vessels in all the actual colours used wealth of detail of the vessels in all the actual colours used for painting them. Thus our artist, Mr. G. H. Davis, had considerably less difficulty in making his drawing of the Pirst Rate shown in this issue than he had in the former reconstruction of the Elizabethan ship.

Elizabethan ship.

The vessels depicted (on pages 11 and 111) date from Charles the Second's reign, and have been very reign, and have been very carefully drawn to scale. These beautiful ships were of about 1531 tons, had a keel length of 136 feet, a beam of 46 feet, depth of 18 feet 3 inches, and a draught of 20 feet 6 inches. The length of the gun-deed. The length of the gun-deck was roughly equivalent to the modern length between perpendiculars, and was approximately 168 feet, with a length over all considerably greater. A "first rate" of this type mounted about 100 guns, disposed on five decks. The lower gun-deck had some 26 guns of 7-inch bore (42-pound shot); the middle gun-deck 28 culverines, or 18-pounders; the upper gun deck 28 demiculverines, or 9-pounders; the quarter-deck 8 sakers, or 6-pounders; and the foreor 6-pounders; and the fore-castle 6 sakers (6-pounders);

castle 6 sakers (6-pounders);
whilst on the poop were 21. Under-water planking.
In our picture the more distant ship shows how warships of this period looked at sea, with their gilded ports and intricate carving, painted and gilded at bow and stern. The rake and length of the bowsprit accords with tradition, and here we observe one difference from the Elizabethan ship: that is, rising from the bowsprit is a spritsail-topmast carrying the spritsail-topsail. Turning to the general hull plan of the sectioned ship, we find that there was considerably less change in design between ships of Elizabeth and Charles II. than many have believed. The later ships were, of course, larger, and longer on the keel, with considerably less forward rake on the sternpost. There was a slightly less proportional decrease in the depth, and the straight tumble-home persisted, though it had been eased amidships to accord better with the concavity of the sides below the forecastle, which remained in vogue for a further hundred years. In appearance, however, Restoration war-ships differed considerably from their Elizabethan ancestors, in the height at bow and stern. The rake up of the poop and the height of the forecastle had been considerably reduced, so that the ships had not

the top-heavy appearance so noticeable in Elizabethan vessels. Strange to say, the Stuart ship's under-water body forward was bluffer than in those of Elizabeth's day,

body forward was bluffer than in those of Elizabeth's day, whilst their rounded sterns were fuller on the water-line than the square tuck of Elizabethan vessels.

Regarding the main structure of Stuart ships we find that the cross-bracing of the hull has replaced the diagonal bracing in vessels of the Armada period, and, owing to the greater size, extra decks had been added. The poor head-room between decks, however, persisted; the crews were still cramped, and must have suffered much hardship. It is interesting to compare the restricted quarters ship. It is interesting to compare the restricted quarters for officers and men in these old fighting-ships with the light, airy, hygienic, and almost luxurious accommodation of a modern battle-ship, and as depicted in the sectional panoramic view of H.M.S. Nelson given in our issue of March 15, 1930.

For conning the Stuart ship we note the voice-tube from the master down to the helmsmen, hidden below and protected, just as the lower steering position is pro-tected in a capital ship of to-day. The method of steering in vogue in Queen Elizabeth's day was still used in the Restoration period ships. The whip-staff pivoted on its

Below the gun-room is the bread-room, where was stored the "hard tack" consumed in those days, and it is interesting to compare this dark region of musty smells with the great bakeries in the modern battleship. The steward's room, from which all the provisions were weighed and issued adjains and next to it is the cocknit subdivided. and issued, adjoins; and next to it is the cockpit, subdivided for the surgeons, the purser, and his mates. Near it is the orlop platform, dark and ill-ventilated, where rough and orlop platform, dark and ill-ventilated, where rough and ready provision was made for the unfortunate wounded during an action. Amidships, surrounding the base of the mainmast, we observe the magazine, with the powder stored in barrels, and lighted by lanterns in boxes protected by glass screens. Again, leaving the lower portion of the vessel, with its foul aroma from the bilge, we find on the middle deck, just forward of the ward room, the coach, or council chamber, with its circular table and fixed circular seating arrangements.

Although, as already mentioned, the spritsail-topsail has been added, the method of shortening sail by removing the bonnet of the forecourse and the maincourse still remained as in the Elizabethan ship. The old idea persisted that, if a sail were so cut that it "bellied full" in the wind, it gave more pull, but it is fairly certain that in ships of Charles II. the sails wer not cut so full as contemporary

cut so full as contemporary artists loved to draw them. The lateen type of mizzen sail still remained; it had come from the Mediterranean, where it had been in use for hundreds of years before. By 1740 the yard remained as before, but the sail did not project forward sail did not project forward of the mast. About 1770, however, this yard was lopped off, and a gaff with jaws replaced the long lateen yard. Later still, about 1800, the "driver" or "spanker"—a much larger sail, with its foot extended by a boom—came into use, and has persisted in all big wind-jammers until this day. Mr. Davis has endeavoured to show the intricate rigging with reasonable accuracy,

show the intricate rigging with reasonable accuracy, and gives a general idea of all the more important gear. It will be observed that the tops are encased in "toparmours," which were cut out of red kersey, a coarse woven cloth, and hung about the tops for show. They also hid the movements of the men in the tops during an action, though, of course, affording no "armour" protection as we know it. The ship depicted carried a crew of about 750 men. These of about 750 men. These ships carried only three boats—the long-boat, usually towed astern, and two smaller boats. They were hoisted in and out by blocks and tackle attached to the head

tackle attached to the head of the mainmast.

In our illustration we see the Union Jack of the day (minus the saltaire of the Fitzgeralds, commonly, though incorrectly, referred to as the Cross of St. Patrick) flying on the jackstaff on the spritsail - topmast; but when, later, triangular headsails became common, the Union Jack was only flown when the ship was at anchor,

ON THE ORLOP DECK.

58. (Marked twice) Cables stowed, spare spars, etc.

59. Orlop Platform, where the wounded were tended in time of battle.

60. The Cockpit (Surgeons and mates).

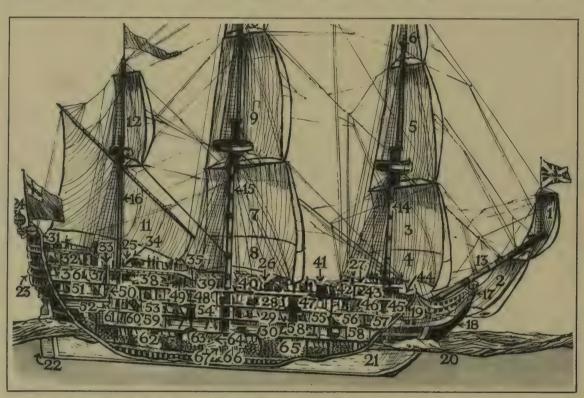
61. The Bread Room.

IN THE HOLD.
62. Water, flour, beer, etc.
63. Lantern in box separated from the magazine by glass window.
64. Magazine with casks of powder.

General stores.
The Keelson and well.
Pumps.

sails became common, the Union Jack was only flown when the ship was at anchor, as it hindered the working of the triangular sails at sea. Thus it is that, in the British Navy to-day, the old custom survives that the Jack only flies at the bow when the ship is stationary. The ensign shown has only the Cross of St. George, as the Cross of St. Andrew was not added until after the Union in 1707. Previously, Scotland and England each retained its national flag, with the Union Jack the common badge of the King's ships.

In the preparation of his drawing, Mr. Davis has received much personal assistance from that great authority on naval history and naval architecture, Mr. G. S. Laird Clowes, of the Science Museum, South Kensington, who placed at his disposal the large collection of draughts, drawings, and models in the Museum. In addition, the Interior details were carefully drawn from "Mr. Drummer's Draughts of the Body of an English Man of War," now in the Pepysian Library at Magdalene College, Cambridge; also from Sir Anthony Deane's "Doctrine of Naval Architecture, 1670." Many other historical documents and models were also examined, and many paintings by the Van de Veldes were closely studied.



DETAIL OF A RESTORATION WAR-SHIP: A KEY TO THE COLOURED DRAWING ON PAGES II AND III OF THIS NUMBER. 54. Main Capstan.
55. Cross Members.
56. Fore and Main Bitts.
57. Gunners', Boatswains', and Carpenters' Store Rooms.

SAILS,
Spritsail-Topsail,
Spritsail-Topsail,
Spritsail
Fore Course,
Fore Bonnet,
Fore Topsail,
Fore-topgallant,
Main Course,
Main Bonnet,
Main Topsail,
Main Top-gallant,
Mizzen,
Mizzen-topsail,

MASTS AND SPARS.

- Bowsprit. Foremast. Mainmast. Mizzen mast.
- OUTER HULL

- 17. Figure Head.
 18. The Head.
 19. Hawse holes.
 20. Water Line.
 21. Under-water planking.
- 22. Rudder.23. Stern galleries and decoration.24. Stern lantern.

- DECKS.

 Quarter Deck.
 Upper Gun-Deck.
 Fore-castle Deck.
 Middle Gun-Deck.
 Middle Gun-Deck.
 Orlop Deck.
 Poop and Trumpeter's Cabin.
- INTERIOR OF SHIP.

- (On Quarter Deck.)
 32. Captain Lieutenant's Cabin and the Guddy.
 33. Voice-Tube to Helmsmen.
 34. Companion Way and Staircase to Upper Gun-Deck.
 35. Fore Rails and Gangway of Quarter Deck.
- ON UPPER GUN-DECK.

 State Room of CommanderBed-room. [-in-Chief.

- 38. The Coach or Council Cham-
- ber.
 39. Officers' Cabins on Upper Gun-Deck.
 40. Main Hatchway.
 41. Upper Jeer Capstan.
 42. The Belfry.
 43. Forecastle Space.
 44. Staircase to Middle Gun-Deck.

- ON MIDDLE GUN-DECK.
 5. Certain Officers' Quarters
- 46.

- ON MIDDLE GUN-DECK.
 Certain Officers' Quarters
 Forward.
 The Galley or Cook Room,
 with copper, oven, and furnace.
 Lower Jeer capstan.
 Mess Space.
 Vertical Stanchions supporting the Upper Gun-Deck.
 Helmsmen at the whip-staff.
 Ward Room.
- ON LOWER GUN-DECK.
- 52. The Tiller.53. Officers' Cabins on the Lower Gun-Deck.

universal joint was attached to the tiller, fixed in turn to the rudder. The whip-staff, however, was soon to be replaced by the earliest form of steering-wheel.

Peering carefully at the drawing, we see the Great Cabin, the ornate quarters of the Admiral or Commander-in-Chief, rich in carving and gilding, with its diamond-paned windows, but marred by the ugly 6-pounder cannon that peeped from its ports. Box-like structures about the deck show the sleeping accommodation for senior officers, many of them merely small dens, three to four feet wide, six feet long, and little over five feet high.

Glancing along the middle gun-deck, we observe the galley with its boiler and furnace, with a brick outer lining, and shelves or oven for baking, with its flue going up through the forecastle deck. Looking right aft again, we see, above the Admiral's cabin, the Captain's cabin and the cuddy, divided usually for the master and "Secretaries Officers." Below the Admiral's cabin is the ward room, allotted to volunteers and land officers; and on the deck below is the gun-room, which even in the big modern warships still remains the home of junior officers.

On the Holiday Pilgrim's Way in England: Haunts of Romance.

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A this time of year motorists and other holiday-makers are in search of interesting goals of pilgrimage. Here are two places not to be neglected by anyone claiming full acquaintance with historic scenes in England. The old town of Ludlow, in Shropshire, stands at the confluence of the Teme and the Corve. Once a royal residence, the town was surrounded by walls in the time of Edward I., and under Henry VIII. was the seat of the Council of the Marches. It was formerly known to the Welsh by the name of Dynham. Describing it in his book, "England," Mr. Ronald Carton writes: "At the castle there, where once Prince Arthur led the revels, was given the first performance of 'Comus.' . . . 'A Masque presented at Ludlow Castle, 1634, betore the Earl of Bridgewater, Lord President of Wales.' Milton was then twenty-six." This event, it has just been announced, is to be celebrated by a revival of "Comus" during a tercentenary pageant to be held for a week at Ludlow Castle in September 1934, Peaceful as it is to-day, Ludlow in mediæval days knew bloodshed and terror, as vividly described in Mrs. R. S. Garnett's recent novel, "Unrecorded."

"THE TEME AT LUDLOW": BY L. BURLEIGH BRUHL.

To see Canterbury, of course, is almost as much of an obligation to the modern tourist as it was to the pilgrim of Chaucer's day. Regarding the subject of the adjoining picture, some interesting details will be found in "Memorials of the Cathedral and Priory of Christ in Canterbury," by C. Eveleigh Woodruff and William Danks. "The beautiful gateway in the south-western corner of the precincts" (we read), "now known as the 'Christ Church Gate,' was built in the days of Prior Thomas Goldstone II. There had been a gate on this site as early as the reign of Henry III. Goldstone's gateway is built of Caen stone, elaborately panelled and carved upon its southern front, the details of which have been compared with those used in Henry VII.'s Chapel at Westminster—a contemporary work... In addition to the iconoclastic zeal of the Puritans in the seventeenth century, the carved work was 'savagely mutilated' by the partisans of the consort of King George IV. because (as Felix Summerby relates) 'it was not illuminated in honour of a Queen, and was illuminated in honour of a King.'... Thomas Goldstone II. died September 16, 1517.'' A model of the gateway as it was in 1779, given to the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, was illustrated in our issue of January 16



"CHRIST CHURCH GATE, CANTERBURY": BY MIRIAM M. HOOPER.

An Ancestor of the Great Ships Seen in Navy Week: The Interior of a Restoration "First Rate."

THE NAVY IN THE DAYS OF CHARLES II. AND SAMUEL PEPYS: "BATTLE-SHIPS" OF THE TYPE THAT FOUGHT THE DUTCH IN THE STUART PERIOD-ONE SHOWN IN DIAGRAMMATIC SECTION.

Public interest in the British Fleet and its history has just been stimulated by the attractions of Navy Week, held simultaneously at the three chief naval dockyards-Portsmouth, Chatham, and Devonport-from July 30 to August 6. In connection with Navy Week at Portsmouth, in particular, the evolution of our war-ships from the old-time "wooden walls" to those "floating forts" of to-day our modern armoured battle-ships and battle-cruisers, was emphasised by the quarter-size model of Nelson's flag-ship, the "Victory," which it was in the form of records, drawings, and models, for reconstructing a war-ship

arranged to sail in Portsmouth Harbour every day of the Week after a cruise along the South Coast and the Isle of Wight. The interesting picture given here carries the Navy's pedigree to a still earlier period, the days of Charles the Second and that famous Secretary of the Admiralty, Samuel Penys the Diarist. England's most formidable foes at sea were then the Dutch Thanks largely to the industry of Pepys himself, there are abundant data

WITH FULL INTERIOR DETAILS, AND ANOTHER (IN THE BACKGROUND) FOR THE GENERAL ASPECT OF AN ENGLISH WAR-SHIP AT THAT DATE,

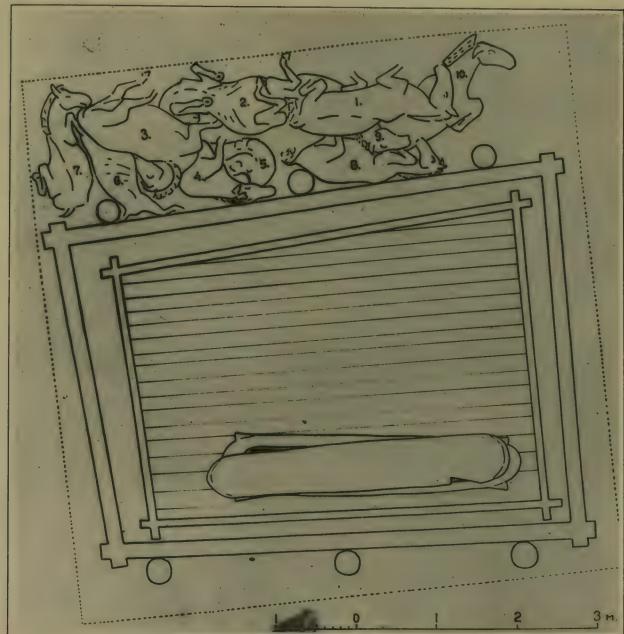
of that time; much more so than for a war-ship of the Elizabethan period, such as that of which a similar double-page drawing in colour was given in our issue of March 2, 1929. For the purpose of the above illustration, our artist, Mr. G. H. Davis, made a careful study of the available material, as particularised in the explanatory article, with a key drawing, on another page in this number, and he received valuable help from Mr. G. S. Laird Clowes, of the Science Museum, a well-known expert on nautical subjects. The

drawing may therefore be regarded as substantially correct in every detail. The ships depicted are vessels of about 1531 tons, typical of the English Navy in Charles's II. reign. Those of our readers who, during Navy Week or at other times, have seen the spacious accommodation in a modern British battle-ship, will be impressed by the contrast it presents to the cramped quarters aboard a Stuart" First Rate." Another striking contrast, or course, is afforded by the difference between ancient and modern naval armament.



A "BIRDIE" BUYS THE

"BLACK&WHITE"



TEN SACRIFICED HORSES PRESERVED FOR 2000 YEARS BY THE ETERNAL FROST: A BRONZE AGE BURIAL DISCOVERED IN SIBERIA.

By Courtesy of the Pennsylvania University Museum and its Director, Mr. Horace H. F. Jayne,

burials, usually in chains of " kurgans " (barrows) running from north to south. One of these kurgans was excavated in 1929 by M. P. Griaznov, of the Russian State Museum, disclosing a very rich burial, probably that of a chief, in an unusual state of preservation. The grave law beneath an artistic of the state of the tion. The grave lay beneath an artificial hill of large stones, two metres high and some fifty metres in diameter : in the centre under the stones was a square pit 7.2 by 7.2 metres and four metres deep, containing two burial chambers constructed of logs and thick planks. Outside the chambers in the northern part of the pit was a in the northern part of the pit was a special area devoted to the burial of the horses (Fig. 1). The whole structure was covered by layers of logs, about three hundred in all, and on top of these earth was piled. This kurgan was fortunately found to be in a condition of eternal (rost; all in a condition of eternal frost; all the objects in the grave and the pit were frozen hard, whence the processes of decay had been almost completely arrested. It was as though the hand of time had not touched the objects that had been there immured for more than two thousand years. The grave of the chief had obviously been plundered, but the graves of the horses were found intact; a bronze celt with a broken handle bore witness to an early and perhaps unsuccessful attempt at robbery. Much remained in the [Continued overleaf.

FIG. I. SHOWING FROZEN BODIES
OF TEN SACRIFICED HORSES IN A
SPECIAL AREA OUTSIDE THE NORTH
PART OF THE PIT: A GROUNDPLAN OF THE "PAZIRIK BURIAL,"
IN THE ALTAI MOUNTAINS, WITH
THE CHIEF'S SARCOPHAGUS.

We are indebted to the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, for the extremely interesting photographs and descriptive article given on this and the next two pages. The material was obtained by Mr. E. A. Golomshtok, a Research Associate on the Museum staff, during a visit to Russia for archæological purposes. Our readers will be interested to compare the Bronze Age Siberian horse harness with that recently found in Nubia (of about the fourth to sixth centuries A.D.), which was illustrated in our issues of June 11 and July 16 last,

NE of the outstanding recent contributions in the field of archæology of the Bronze Age in Siberia has been the discovery and excavation of the so-called "Pazirik Burial" in the eastern Altai Mountains. The nomads of the Steppes, though constantly moving within their grazing territory, were nevertheless accustomed to bury their dead in more or less definite localities, which came to have the nature of clan cemeteries for the various groups. The Altai Mountains abound with such group [Continued above on right.]



FIG. 2. "AS THOUGH MUMMIFIED BY THE ETERNAL FROST": THE FROZEN BODY OF ONE OF THE TEN YELLOW MARES OF THE PAZIRIK BURIAL, FOUND IN AN EXTRAORDINARY STATE OF PRESERVATION AFTER MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS.

ART OF THE BRONZE AGE IN THE SIBERIAN STEPPES: HORSE HARNESS DECORATIONS MADE OF CURIOUSLY CARVED AND GILDED WOOD.

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Continued from previous page.] human burial chamber, however, that was of interest, though fragmentary; a well-preserved sarcophagus (Fig. 1), decorated with figures of birds, the remains of a felt carpet with appliqué decorations of lions' heads, and a few miscellaneous objects. That part of the chamber devoted to the burial of the chief's mounts was found to contain the frozen bodies of ten horses tain the frozen bodies of ten horses (Fig. 1), as though mummified by the eternal frost (Fig. 2). Each horse was furnished with suitable trappings, saddles, and bridles (Fig. 10). Two horses had masks ingeniously patterned of felt, leather, fur, and gold leaf. All the objects as well as the bodies were found in an extraordinary state. were found in an extraordinary state of preservation, and they reveal a highly developed culture and a peculiar art, in which the so-called "animal style" predominates (Figs. 9 and 11). The saddles (Figs. 8 and 10) were covered with frets richly decorated and embroidered. The bridles and the saddle-trappings had numerous carved wood pendants covered with gold and silver leaf (Figs. 3 to 6). The main covers, made of felt and leather and dyed horse-hair, were decorated with the figures of birds, and the tail cover was also consented. The media was was also ornamented. The masks were especially intricately made, represent-ing in one case the head of a reindeer with horns of natural size (Fig. 7), and the other a griffin struggling with a bear. Shields made of stick! interwoven with strips of leather were found attached to the side of the saddle, and the remains of a funeral chariot, digging implements, and pro-vision sacks of fur are to be men-tioned among other objects, all in a splendid state of preservation. is particularly struck by the high artistic ability of the builders of the [Continued opposite.]





FIG. 4. BRONZE AGE HARNESS DECORATION FROM SIBERIA: A LEAF DESIGN IN CARVED AND GILDED WOOD, FROM A SACRIFICED HORSE IN THE PAZIRIK BURIAL.



FIG. 5. A
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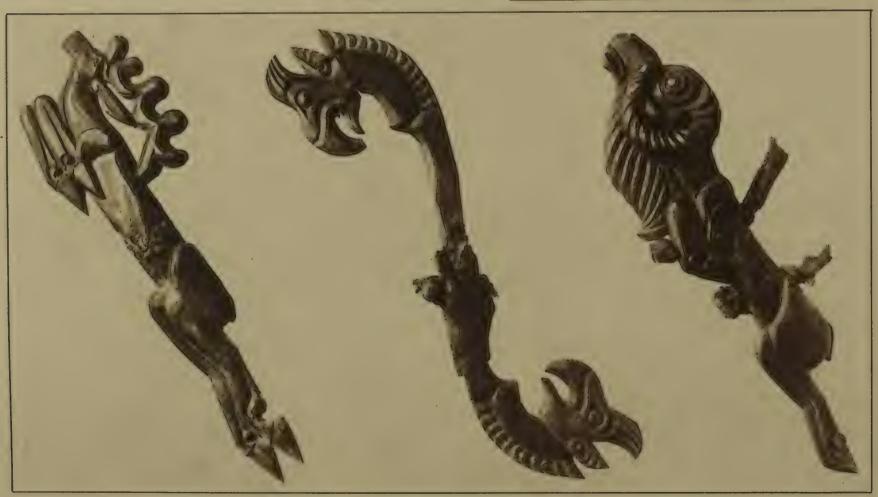


FIG. 6. THE FAVOURITE "ANIMAL STYLE" OF SIBERIAN WOOD-CARVERS OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO: BRIDLE ORNAMENTS OF GILDED WOOD, REPRESENTING A REINDEER, DRAGON-HEADS, AND A BIG-HORNED RAM, SHOWING REMARKABLE VIGOUR AND MOVEMENT IN DESIGN.

FIG. 7. MAKING A HORSE LOOK LIKE A REINDEER: A MASK INTRICATELY DEVISED IN FELT, LEATHER, FUR, AND GOLD LEAF, WITH HORNS OF NATURAL SIZE—ONE OF TWO HORSE-MASKS FOUND IN THE PAZIRIK BURIAL. (A RECONSTRUCTION.)

A HORSE'S REINDEER MASK AMONG RELICS OF BRONZE AGE SIBERIAN HARNESS ORNAMENT.

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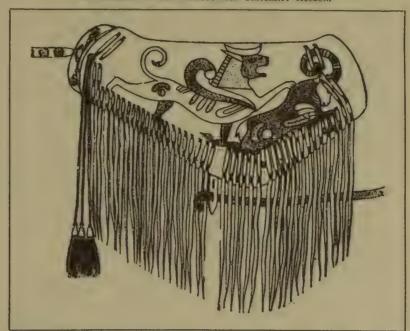


FIG. 8. "THE SADDLES WERE COVERED WITH FRETS RICHLY DECORATED AND EMBROIDERED": A TYPICAL EXAMPLE, WITH APPLIQUÉ ORNAMENT, FROM ONE OF THE TEN SACRIFICED HORSES BESIDE THE GRAVE.



FIG. 9. THE "ANIMAL STYLE" MOTIVE OF EMBROIDERED DECORATION ON SADDLE-COVERS FOUND IN THE PAZIRIK BURIAL: A DESIGN REPRESENTING A GREAT BIRD ON THE BACK OF A REINDEER.

Pazirik kurgans. Eagles, elks, reindeer, mountain goat, bear, fish, and human faces are represented in this rich but very little-known culture. Wood, leather, felt, fur, horse-hair, silver, and gold are the media for execution, while red, blue, and yellow pigments were utilised to colour the objects in these various media. On the basis of the preliminary study of the material, it is evident that the excavated burial belongs to one of the tribes of the eastern Altai, with herding of animals as the major occupation, which, for several centuries before our era, dominated the vast territory from Mongolia [Continued below on right.]

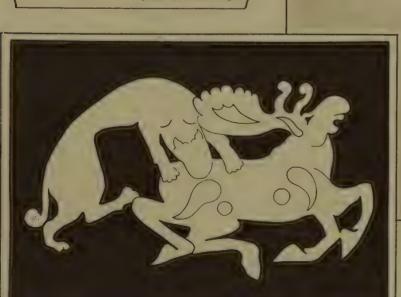


FIG. 11. ANOTHER OF THE ANIMAL DESIGNS, ALL DIFFERENT, UPON THE TEN FMBROIDERED SADDLE-COVERS (ILLUSTRATED ALSO IN FIGS. 8 AND 9 ABOVE);
A BEAST OF PREY ATTACKING A REINDEER.

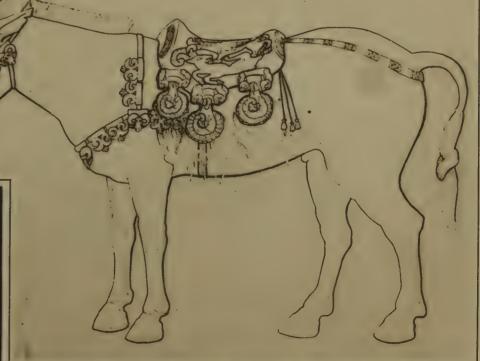


FIG. 10. SADDLE-TRAPPINGS AND BRIDLE DECORATION AS FOUND ON EACH OF THE TEN SACRIFICED HORSES BURIED BESIDE THEIR MASTER, A SIBERIAN NOMAD CHIEFTAIN, OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO: A RECONSTRUCTION DRAWING.

to the Carpathian Mountains. They seem to have possessed a very similar culture and were known from the time of Herodotus by the collective names of Scythians and Sarmatians. Writers belonging to the time of the Roman Empire, it may be recalled, use the name of Scythia to denote the greater part of northern Asia.

"THUNDERSTORM SOARING" IN GLIDERS: THRILLS OF A PERILOUS SPORT.

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THE SALVAGE OF THE BODY OF A GLIDER (MOTORLESS AEROPLANE) WHICH HAD LANDED IN A DIFFICULT BIT OF COUNTRY: HAULING IT UP A STEEP SLOPE AFTER REMOVAL OF THE WINGS.

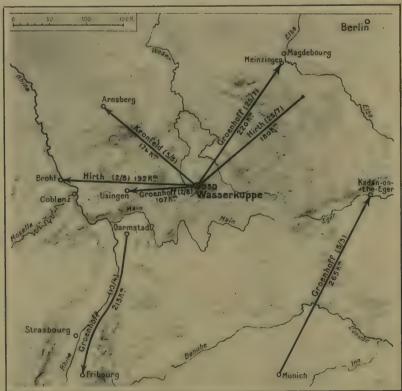


HERR GÜNTHER GROENHOFF (RECENTLY KILLED IN A GLIDER CRASH ON THE WASSER-KUPPE) IN A PREVIOUS ACCIDENT: HURLED THROUGH THE WOODWORK INTO BRUSHWOOD FROM THE "FAFNIR," ON LANDING AFTER A STORM FLIGHT OVER HOCHWALD.

Tragic interest has been given to the subject of gliding by the fatal accident to Herr Günther Groenhoff, the well-known German airman and glider, who was killed on July 23 in a crash during a gliding contest on the Wasserkuppe, in the Rhön Mountains, the headquarters of this form of aviation. Last year he made a record distance glider flight of 166 miles, from Munich to Kadan, as shown here on the map. He had previously had a narrow escape from a similar crash (illustrated above), and lately he was in a motor accident that caused the death of his sister and a gliding friend. On the day after Herr Groenhoff's death, disaster also befell Herr Robert Kronfeld, most famous of gliders, whose new book, "Kronfeld on Gliding and Soaring," is reviewed on the page succeeding these two. During the same competition, he was piloting the world's largest glider, the "Austria,"



RIDING THE TEMPEST: GLIDERS STARTING FROM THE WASSERKUPPE FOR SOARING FLIGHTS DURING A THUNDERSTORM, WHICH ALWAYS PRODUCES STRONG CURRENTS ENABLING THEM TO REACH GREAT HEIGHTS.



THE CHIEF GLIDER DISTANCE FLIGHTS OF 1931, BY GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN PILOTS: A MAP SHOWING START AND FINISH BUT NOT INTERMEDIATE DEVIATIONS—(ON RIGHT) THE RECORD FLIGHT (166 MILES) OF THE LATE HERR GROENHOFF.

when it crashed from a great height, but luckily he escaped by parachute. In an article relating to the drawings here reproduced, a German writer says: "Formerly when there was a sign of thunder over the Wasserkuppe, the airmen brought their machines down as quickly as possible. Those times are now past. After 1926, when the Cassel air-policeman, Max Kegel, quite [Continued opposite.]

A GLIDING "ACE," SINCE KILLED; AND A NOVICE'S FIRST ATTEMPT.



THE FAMOUS GLIDING "ACE" AND RECORD-MAKER, WHO WAS RECENTLY KILLED IN A CRASH ON THE WASSERKUPPE, ENTERING HIS MOTORLESS AEROPLANE, THE "FAFNIR," FOR A FLIGHT: AN OPERATION SUGGESTING THE INSERTION OF A "BRAIN" INTO THE HEAD OF A GIANT MECHANICAL "BIRD."



A NOVICE'S FIRST ATTEMPT: THE START OF A GLIDER, FROM A SLOPE ON THE WASSERKUPPE, BY THE CATAPULT METHOD—THE STARTING CREW, HAVING HAULED ON THE ELASTIC ROPES, FLING THEMSELVES TO THE GROUND, WHEN THE MACHINE IS RELEASED FROM BEHIND, TO AVOID BEING STRUCK ON THE HEAD.

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metres at a terrifying speed. It is a race with the storm, a most daring game. It is difficult to realise what violent forces exist in the sea of air. With terrific violence the slight glider is thrown up and down, and the pilot is hurled about in his little 'wooden box' until he nearly falls out of his seat. It is not surprising that many have wondered whether it would not be better to jump out of the machine in this 'witches' Sabbath' and descend to earth in a parachute. Observation of the air and wind currents attracts gliders to fly in storms. Fear of the black ominous clouds is banished."



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BEING AN APPRECIATION OF

GLIDING AND SOARING": By ROBERT KRONFELD.* "KRONFELD ON

(PUBLISHED BY HAMILTON.)

"MAN," remarks Herr Kronfeld, "is a sluggard and must be shaken up from time to time." The sluggard, however, must go not to the ant, but to the bird, for instruction in the gentle art of being "shaken up." It is triumph enough to be able to fly with the aid of powerful engines; but how much greater a triumph over man's natural limitations to be able to fly without the aid of any propelling force at all! The power-machine is, to the

UP AND DOWN CURRENTS:

skilled glider, a comparatively crude affair, lacking the finesse of that more subtle art which depends solely on knowledge and management of the direct forces of nature. The science of gliding and soaring is, briefly, to beat the bird by its own methods at its own game; and, in a great measure, it has succeeded.

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The glider-plane, as everybody knows, is a motorless aeroplane which receives its initial impulse from the earth by various mechanical means—the "catapult" towing-rope, the rocket, or by automobile-towing (in flat country)—and for the rest depends for its locomotion on negotiating atmospheric forces, just as a sailing-ship negotiates wind and water. At first, gliding, chiefly by means of wind slopes in hilly country, was little more than a sport, a novel and exciting form of motion. But the development of "soaring flight" within recent years has raised motorless flying to an important and remarkable position in aeronautic science.

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The layman, ignorant of the highly complex conditions of the atmosphere in different circumstances, will be puzzled at first to discover the difference between gliding and soaring. Herr Kronfeld thus explains it. "Soaring may be defined as flying without loss of, or with increase in height. . . . So far as the air is concerned, there is no difference between gliding and soaring. In both cases it is equally necessary to have good way on against the wind. Soaring is gliding in an up-wind. We only notice the difference when we watch the flying from the ground. Imagine a small model of a glider gliding in a lift. As long as the lift remained motionless, the glider would sink towards its floor. But if the lift began to move upwards at a speed greater than that at which your model was falling, the latter would give you the appearance of rising. That is what happens when you soar. You glide downwards in an air current which is rising more rapidly than you are losing height by gliding."

By means of almost uncanny navigation of these upward air currents, extraordinary results have been achieved. Herr Kronfeld has himself reached a height of 8000 feet, and has soared for distances ranging from 60 to 90 miles, not to mention his feat (to which he devotes a brisk chapter) of flying the English Channel. Defying the unfavourable conditions of dead calm and flat country, he has also made extended soaring flights in England, demonstrating for the first time the use which can be made of purely thermal currents. Unremitting and audacious experiments have explored unsuspected possibilities of the atmosphere, until those very elements which seem most hostile to flight have been skilfully enlisted in its service. Thus, in 1926, Max Kegel involuntarily discovered that the meteorological forces of a thunderstorm might be an extremely efficient dynamo for soaring; others immediately pursued the principle

THERMAL CUMULI; (ON THE GROUND, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT)
ODS, A LAKE, SANDHILLS, A TOWN, THREE SINGLE TREES, A BOG,

There is, in short, no aspect of the atmosphere with which the glider aeronaut does not familiarise himself; and herein lies the value of soaring as a scientific enterprise of the future. "Soaring flight," observes Herr Kronfeld, "is a serious and important business, even though it originated in some sport-loving enthusiasts' desire to fly. To-day it has its practical side; it teaches us (for the first time in the history of flying) to feel our way in the air in the truest sense of

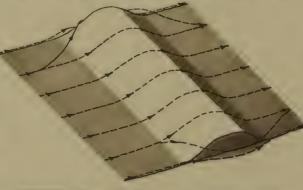
the truest sense of the word, indicates new possibilities in the technique of flying, and enlarges our general knowledge and weather lore. It is the only means of imparting a thorough educa-tion in flying to the younger generation; it is perhaps the finest of all sports

finest of all sports and may afford valuable assistance to pilots of commer-cial and passenger aeroplanes, whose daily work is so responsible and dangerous."

ING—(IN THE AIR) TWO MASSES
TO RIGHT) LIMESTONE CLIFFS,
EES, A BOG, AND TWO HOUSES.

Of technical accomplishments which the soaring "ace" must possess, despite Herr Kronfeld's modest assurance that "the success of my efforts is not due to any

A DIAGRAM SHOWING-(IN THE AIR) TWO MASSES



CURRENTS ON A HILLSIDE: A DIAGRAM SHOWING THE COURSE OF THE CURRENTS, MAINLY OVER THE HILL, AND HENCE MUCH UPWARD.

"When the wind encounters an obstacle, it has to give way. tower or a low hill rises from the plain, the wind's simplest way is to go round it. If, on the other hand, a long chain of hills crosses the wind's course, it must go over it. If we keep our eyes open, we can observe these natural phenomena every day and note all the various ways in which currents are formed."

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message in every note of the hum and whistle of bracing-wires. He must acquaint himself with the mysteries

topography, knowing the earth beneath him as readily as the atmosphere round him.

Finally and above all, he must use to the full—even as the bird uses—every faculty of observation. Even a drift of smoke may give him important information, and the behaviour of birds may be of the utmost value to the trained and alert eye. On at least one critical occasion, this fellowship with the birds—a very proper freemasonry—probably saved Herr Kronfeld's life. "It seemed impossible to reach the nearest hillside from this height, and in my despair I looked about me for a landing-place. Then I saw before me, a little to one side, a hawk soaring high on an upward wind current. At once I flew to the spot; the guidance given me by my diminutive rival in the air had come at exactly the right moment, for my big bird immediately climbed some seventy feet, a height which just enabled me to reach a timely slope."

Herr Kronfeld describes with equal force and clarity the ingenious methods by which the beginner is trained in these diverse Icarian arts, and we imagine that his volume, apart from its general interest, will serve as a valuable handbook for all gliding and soaring aspirants. Special chapters, of a technical character and well illustrated by charts and diagrams, are devoted to every aspect of the main subject—they include particularly authoritative discussions of mechanical construction and of meteorology—and these again will be of special value to the technician.

The degree of proficiency which gliding and soaring have now reached has taken more than a century to develop, and Herr Kronfeld gives an interesting, if somewhat episodic, account of its evolution. "Looking back," he says in summary, "we can distinguish three phases of development. First came the technical development whereby the machines that could soar were evolved; then followed the sporting period during which these machines were made to do all that it was possible for them to do; finally, there was the sporting-cum-scientific period in which trained though



FLYING ALONG A THUNDERSTORM FRONT: A DIAGRAM SHOWING (1) THE COURSE OF THE STORM FRONT; (2) THE CONSEQUENT COURSE OF THE FLIGHT.

• "Kronfeld on Gliding and Soaring." The Story of Motorless Human Flight. By Robert Kronfeld. Translated by J. Manchot. Preface by Col. the Master of Sempill. Illustrated (John Hamilton, Ltd.; 21s.).

feet." Similar experimentation and progress have been made in the fascinating lore of using the clouds as a "continuous highway" of upwind for soaring, and here again the writer of this book enjoys the credit of daring and indefatigable pioneer work.

future is for technical experts—" the question of dynamic soaring," of flight without up-currents by utilising gusts or different velocities in apparently horizontal air currents. We doubt not that the task will be accomplished.—C. K. A.

BIRDS THAT PAINT THEIR BOWERS WITH A "BRUSH":



BIRD, WOOD PAINTED BY THE BIRD, WITH A "BRUSH" OF CHEWED WOOD: DECORATED TWIGS FROM THE BOWER OF A SATIN BOWER-BIRD.





A VERY CURIOUS HABIT, HITHERTO UNEXPLAINED: A SATIN BOWER-BIRD'S TWIG ADDRNED WITH DECAYED WOOD-PULP AND SALIVA



BUILDER OF A BOWER FOUR FEET LONG, FAR LARGER THAN THAT OF THE SATIN BIRD: A FAWN-BREASTED BOWER-BIRD.



BUILT ON A MOUND OF TWIGS AND DECORATED WITH SMALL GREEN FRUITS: A BOWER OF THE FAWN-BREASTED BOWER-BIRD.



AT WORK ON ITS BOWER, THE USE OF WHICH IS NOT ALTOGETHER CERTAIN: THE SATIN BOWER-BIRD OF AUSTRALIA.



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE BOWER AND PLAYHOUSE WHICH ARE SHOWN ABOVE: A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN NEW



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BIRD

WHERE THE MALES DISPLAY THEIR PLUMAGE IN THE BREEDING SEASON: THE BOWER OF A SATIN BOWER-BIRD IN SYDNEY'S NATIONAL PARK.

Some of the most remarkable discoveries ever made in bird life are illustrated on this page. The photographs were taken either in Australia and the adjacent islands to the north (which, together, complete the natural range of the various species of bower-birds) or in the New York Zoological Park, where Mr. Lee S. Crandall, the Curator of Birds, has several specimens under observation. Here a brief description must suffice of the satin bower-bird and its habits, for that species seems to combine most of the curious customs of the family, together with certain oddities all its own. The satin bird (ptilonorhynchus violaceus) is, when in adult plumage at the age of about seven years, of a beautiful lustrous

Photographs Reproduced From an Article by Charles Barrett in the Bulletin of the nest, and is apparently assessed to combine most of the curious customs of the family, together courtship. Strangest of all, the bird purposely uses fibrous bark and with this "paint-brush," using charles barrett in the Bulletin of the New York Zoological Society.

blue-black. It has violet-blue eyes, and it manifests a strong preference for blue objects—flowers, fruits and berries, feathers, even scraps of paper—with which it adorns its bower. If offered red objects, or bits of orange peel, it displays annoyance, and removes them. Examples of the bower, which the male constructs, are illustrated here. The bower, made of slender twigs inserted in the ground, is distinct from the nest, and is apparently used as a playground and scene of courtship. Strangest of all, the bird purposely uses a tool. It makes a wad of fibrous bark and with this "paint-brush," using charcoal and a secretion from its mouth as the principal materials, it paints the inner walls of its bower.



Notes for the Novel-Reader: Fiction of the Month.

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THE very title of Mr. Priestley's new novel indicates his intention of getting away from the English enc. His two previous books were, in their different eys, essentially studies in English life and character,



MISS H. F. M. PRESCOTT, Author of "Son of Dust.

MISS G. E. TREVELYAN. Author of "Appius and Virginia."

and their settings, Yorkshire, London, and the country-side, were typically English. "Faraway" is a new departure; it is in some respects as unlike its forerunners as the hibiscus flower is unlike the wild rose or the woody nightshade. England is only the jumping-off place of the story; the small Suffolk town from which the hero starts on his perilous adventure is scarcely more than the treasure-seeker's base of operations. The homely security of Buntingham, however, serves as a contrast with later and more exotic scenes—America, Tahiti, the island of Faraway—and with deeper, more disturbing experiences. The three travelling companions, who hope to profit by the dead man's secret, are in their attitude towards life invincibly English; there is never a moment's fear that they will go native like Gauguin, or submit to the charm of the South Seas like Stevenson. All three are thoroughly likable and fairly hard-headed men—but not so hard-headed as to be unable to feel interest or curiosity in their adventures. adventures.

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These adventures are strange enough to beguile the most romantic of readers, and, on the whole, plausible enough to satisfy the most practical. They have, moreover, an agreeably symbolic character; Mr. Priestley never clears up one mystery without creating another. His mind, in spite of its avowedly commonsensical cast, is always busy with matters that

lie, as it were, on the outer verge of its scope. The bright light of his tion, which turns with illuminating effect (for instance) of America, is ci cumscribed by shadowy region of the imagination, where hirk moral implications ' Faraway expedition, vague and somewhat threatening shapes. "Far-away" is marred by diffuseness and



DR. C. P. SNOW. Author of "Death Under Sail."

of intention towards the middle, where it steadies down from the rapid gallop of an adventure story to the sober gait of a travel book; but it has sweep and power and inexhaustible invention.

The subject of "When the Wicked Man" is a disagree-

The subject of "When the Wicked Man" is a disagreement in policy between the partners of an old-established American publishing firm. Notterdam and Kratch had been friends of many years' standing, so their rupture, when it came, was the more complete. The fact that Notterdam's wife turns out to be Kratch's mistress makes the breach irreparable. Notterdam's frantic journey to Europe, culminating in a shooting affray in Dorsetshire, gives the story a sensational climax. It is too improbable to rank among Mr. Ford Madox Ford's best novels; but it is clever and subtle and has moments of great emotional tension.

The Case is Altered" deals with life in a London Ine case is Altered deals with life in a London lodging-house. The characters thus fortuitously brought together are of very different t pes, ranging from a charming old maiden lady to a homicidal maniac. Mr. Plomer is decidedly modern in his treatment of human relationships, and he is also inclined to sacrifice art and

verisimilitude to innovation. But he is a thoughtful and interesting writer, whose intelligence and impatience of conventionality, when they have passed the raw stage, may produce a novel of first-rate quality.

Anna Taylor, Miss Worthington's heroine, would certainly have exasperated him, for she was a woman who went through life in blinkers, those blinkers being the standards of correctness obtaining in her world—the world of a fashionable New York suburb. In one sense she did it credit; she was a woman of scrupulous respectability, a careful house-keeper, and (while her husband lived) a blameless though unloving wife. Miss Worthington describes her first year of widowhood—a year in which one or two tiny shoots of rebellious emotion put forth their leaves, only to be withered by her common sense and instinct for security. Mrs. Taylor lived a dull life and her story is not exciting; but it is veraciously and sincerely told.

"Skerrett," on the other hand, is the kind of wild and whirling tale we expect from the pen of Mr. Liam O'Flaherty, Skerrett is a schoolmaster in the island of Nara, where

habitants are vile and the prospects only moderately pleasing. The graph of his career shows at first a sudden rise, then a gradual decline to a depth of misery and degradation that few novelists are capable of imagining. Here is an account of Skerrett's relations with his wife: "Each hated the other bitterly. Each did everything possible to shorten the other's life; Mrs. other's life; Mrs. Skerrett out of pure hatred, Skerrett in the hatred, Skerrett in the hope that he might be able to re-marry and beget children on his wife's death. Kate... made herself look as

made herself look as unseemly as possible in order to madden her husband." There is a certain nobility in "Skerrett," but it is a book for those who take their fiction sadly. The same is true of "Appius and Virginia." Whether we regard it literally, as the story of a woman who tried to bring up an ape as though it were a human child, or allegorically, as a lesson to prove the folly of spending too much love on any earthly creature, we cannot but find it profoundly depressing. The treatment is almost entirely realistic. Miss Trevelyan traces, stage by stage, the awakening of some sort of consciousness in the dark mind of Appius the ape, and the corresponding delight in the breast of Virginia Hutton, its adoptive mother. This painful story is extremely well worked out; but one is left wondering why Miss Trevelyan wrote it.

Most of the novels in this month's list, one increasingly realises, are of a melancholy cast. "Two Living and One Dead" is no exception. It tells how three Post Office employees are set upon, "in true American style," by bandits; how one is killed, one wounded, while the third, having time to think the matter out, hands over the money and saves his skin. But not his honour. This, in the opinion of his fellow-citizens, and even of his wife, is irretrievably lost.

BOOKS REVIEWED.

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Faraway. By J. B. Priestley. (Heinemann; 10s. 6d.)
When the Wicked Man. By Ford Madox Ford. (Cape; 7s. 6d.)
The Case is Altered. By William Plomer. (Hogarth Press; 7s. 6d.)
Mrs. Taylor. By Marjorie Worthington. (Cape; 7s. 6d.)
Skerrett. By Liam O'Flaherty. (Gollancz; 7s. 6d.)
Appius and Virginia. By G. E. Trevelyan. (Secker; 7s. 6d.)
Two Living and One Dead. By Sigurd Christiansen. (Gollancz; 7s. 6d.)
Ambrose Terring. By Hartley Kemball Cook. (Nicholson and Watson; 7s. 6d.)

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Son of Dust. By H. F. M. Prescott. (Constable; 7s. 6d.)

Before the Fact. By "Francis Iles." (Gollancz; 7s. 6d.)

Death Under Sail. By C. P. Snow. (Heinemann; 7s. 6d.)

Murder in the Cellar. By Louise Eppley and Rebecca Gayton. (Grayson and Grayson; 7s. 6d.)

Baxter's Second Death. By Ian Greige (Benn; 7s. 6d.)

Yet what else, in the circumstances, could be have done? Mr. Christiansen has set himself a problem in psychology which he works out with great skill to a dramatic climax. This is a very unusual novel which cannot fail to hold the reader's interest.

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"Ambrose Terring" is a study in social and political change. Chelvington Castle had dominated Chelvington for nearly a thousand years, and now, though let by impoverished owners to an American, it is still, to the wilder spirits of the town, a symbol of feudal tyranny. Mr. Cook has mixed his ingredients with skill. There is a tragic incident towards the close of the story, but a considerable amount of humour helps it on its way.

"Son of Dust" is a historical novel—indeed, the historical atmosphere is as thick as the forests of eleventh-century Normandy. But the main theme, once disentangled from its jungle of mediæval associations, is clear enough. The love of Fulcun for Alde, in spite of the unhappy circumstance that Alde was a married woman, is marked by dignity and passion, and it lifts Miss Prescott's story far above the level of the average cloak and sword romance.

Similarly, "Before the Fact" is much above the level of the average shocker. It is, indeed, a very fine story, and though, all along, one tries to persuade oneself that its psychology is false—that Lina could not have been so infatuated by the fascinating criminal, her husband—one cannot escape an uncomfortable

one cannot escape an uncomfortable conviction that it is true. The story is a little like a nightmare: one sees the tragedy coming, but one cannot avert it.
Lina, in the end,
hardly seems to have
wanted to avert it.
"Francis Iles's"
ironic humour is

ironic humour is perhaps a little overdone, but it enhances the literary quality of his book.

Mr. Snow's plan in "Death Under Sail" is original and interesting. Five men and two women are sailing a yacht on the Norfolk Broads, when the host is shot. There are only six possible are only six possible suspects, and the pro-



MISS MARIORIE WORTHINGTON. Author of the new Novel, "Mrs. Taylor."

cess of elimination which reduces them to one is enthralling. Mr. Snow plays more fairly with his reader than do most writers of detective



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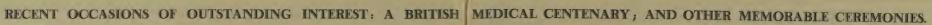


THE RIGHT WALL OF THE KITCHEN.

"NO PART OF OUR EMPIRE CAN REMAIN SEPARATE IN MEDICINE ANY MORE THAN IN HISTORY















FOR COLLECTORS. PAGE

BARGAINS FOR THE NATION FIFTY YEARS AGO: THE HISTORIC HAMILTON SALE.

By FRANK DAVIS.

UNE and July 1882 witnessed a notable dispersal at Christie's—the sale of the collection of works of art and pictures belonging to the then Duke of Hamilton. Possibly more than a few readers of this paper retain a vivid recollection of the excitement caused at the time by this remarkable auction: the rest of us gain our impressions of its range and quality by turning over the leaves of the catalogue. what I have just been doing. Two thousand two hundred and thirteen lots were offered, and they fetched £397.562—in short, a sale which has passed into auction-room history.

I don't propose in a single page to give a résumé of this formidable catalogue, but it occurred to me that it might be of interest to mark those items which were then bought for the nation, and then go to Trafalgar Square and see what had become of them. One is inclined to take for granted pictures which have found a final resting-place in the national collection: they become familiar-even those we don't very much like—and one forgets very easily that once upon a time they were acquired at a cost of a great deal of money and most careful thought on the part of the Director and trustees.

One generation can always look upon the mistakes of its predecessors with a tolerant smile, and in one or two cases modern criticism has been able to pick very substantial holes in the purchases made by the Gallery's advisers in 1882 (and no doubt the experts of 1982 will have many a quiet jest at the expense of ourselves); but I suppose everyone, of whatever shade of artistic opinion, will agree that the splendid Velasquez illustrated here was a bargain at £6300. This is the full length of Philip IV. as a young man which hangs in the same room as that other portrait of the King by the same master, which shows how the years have dealt with his features, and, indeed, with the spirit those features fail to mask. It is by general consent one of the finest of the earlier Velasquez paintings. Times, we know, are not what they might be just at present, but if by some extraordinary miracle this picture came on the market to-day, it would surely fetch five times the substantial sum paid for it.

My second illustration is less important and of less popular appeal. It is only 23 in. by 18½ in., and it is quite easy to overlook it altogether. None the less, it is of exceptional interest quite apart from

its undoubted qualities as a work of art, because it illustrates what a lot we have learnt about the history of painting in fifty years. Some years ago a distinguished German scholar went to Spain to

study Velasquez, and returned with his mind and eye full of that strange mystic and inspired painter, El Greco, who was born in Crete and migrated to Toledo via Venice. This portrait of L. Cornaro, inscribed "Æt suæ 100, 1566," was catalogued in the Hamilton sale as a Titian, presumably because at that time no other name seemed possible. It was bought for £336. Several other versions of the same picture are known, one of them, in the Frick collection in New York,

being signed.

Another "good buy" from the Hamilton collection was the "Circumcision" by Luca Signorelli, which now hangs in Gallery I. Dr. Waagen, who travelled all over England in the 'forties—he was at the head of what has since developed into the Berlin Museum-wrote: "This is one of the most important pictures by this great master, who was the precursor of Michael Angelo." His judgment is still accepted, and the £3150 which this great picture cost the nation would probably increase to £15,000 if it came on to the market to-day. On the other hand, a little "Last Supper," sold for £630 as by that very rare master, Masaccio, is now to be seen in the new Duveen room labelled "Roberti—School of Ferrara." It had appeared at auction in 1811, when it made £64. One doubts whether its present value is very much more than that. Nor can one claim that the £204 15s. paid for a small interior by Steenwyck was a very judicious purchase.

Modern criticism has also

refused to give a blessing to the Hamilton cata logue attribution in the case of two Botticellis. The first of these is the huge painting of the Assumption of the Virgin which, like the Signorelli, hangs in Gallery I., and this in spite of the story told by Vasari that Botticelli painted it for the church of San Pietro Maggiore,

consider that this is a figure in excess of its guished of living connoisseurs of Italian art does not change his mind without very good reason.) Finally, I may mention a Hamilton picture which has not changed its name in half a century any more than the Velasquez with which this article started. This is a crowded and delightful painting by Pontormo, labelled



A BARGAIN FOR THE NATION AT £6300: "PHILIP IV.," BY VELASQUEZ—BOUGHT AT THE HAMILTON SALE IN 1882.

This magnificent picture, by general consent one of the finest of the earlier Velasquez paintings, was taken from the Palace at Madrid during the Napoleonic Wars by the French general, Dessolle.

Florence, that envious detractors charged him and his patron with heresy, and the work was interdicted and covered from view. This is now given to Botticini, the pupil of Neri di Bicci, who is supposed to have worked in Botticelli's studio This cost £4777 10s., and, until a new school of experts comes along to demolish the arguments of our contemporaries, we may present value. The same applies to another Botticelli, "The Adoration of the Magi," which cost £1627 10s. and is now considered a studio work. Mr. Berenson relegated this painting to the class of doubtful works which he ascribed to an unknown "Amico di Sandro"—someone who was not Botticelli, but in close contact with him-but I understand that this "Amico di Sandro" has been brutally murdered by his creator in his latest volume of criticism. (Lest I should be accused of writing with undue facetiousness, let me add that the most distin-

in the Hamilton catalogue "An Allegory," but actually representing Joseph in Egypt (an Egypt of the Italian Renaissance, with porticoes, statuary, et al.), which was bought for £315—another bargain. There is one other point about the sale catalogue itself which is worth noting: this is the odd way in which the passage of fifty years manages to produce a "period" atmosphere. The various lots are not often described at length, but when they are the result is a flowery and not unpleasing word music sounding a little strange to our more sober ears. The composition of this admirable picture. painted with a rich impasto of colour, accompanied with admirable firmness of hand." This, if you like, is mere pedestrian prose. I turn a page or two and find authentic lyricism. Here it is: "This classic scene represents the fresh and verdant groves of Arcadia, in which is introduced the poetic fiction of the centaurs, two of which are fondly embracing in the foreground, and a second pair is seen sportively bounding over the meadows at a little distance. The enchanting beauty of the landscape, and the spirit and energetic expression displayed in the imaginary creatures, render this a production of matchless excellence."



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THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

CHOPIN IN ENGLAND

HEARD a pianist play some Chopin the other day, and, as usual, he played this music too sentimentally and often too fast. The legend that Chopin was a composer for languishing young ladies still survives, and many musicians and amateurs have a complete misconception of Chopin's personality. It happens that there has just been published by by Desmond Harmsworth a new edition of Chopin's Letters. These letters were collected by Henryk Opienski, and they have been well translated from the original Polish and French by E. L. Voynich. They enable us to see Chopin very much as he was—honourable, conscientious, sensitive, highly exacting, and extremely intelligent.

exacting, and extremely intelligent.

For English readers this collection of letters, which is the most complete in our language, is of exceptional interest, because there are included in it a number of letters written by Chopin during his only visit to England, in the year 1848. In these letters Chopin, accustomed to the highest intellectual and cultured society of France, gives, often in considerable detail, his impressions of England and the English people. He first stayed at 10, Bentinck Street, Cavendish Square, and then at 48, Dover Street, Piccadilly, where at last, he says, he has "a large and fine room in which I can breathe and play and where to-day, for the first time, the sun has paid me a visit." This, appropriately enough, was on the First of May.

MUSIC IN 1848.

Chopin describes his first experience of music in England as follows: "I heard Miss Lind in the 'Sonnambula.' It was very beautiful. I met her personally . . . and she very graciously sent me a most excellent stall with her card. As I had a good place I heard well. She is a typical Swede; not in an ordinary light, but in some sort of Polar dawn. She is enormously effective in 'Sonnambula.' She sings with extreme purity and certainty, and her piano notes are steady, and as even as a hair. A stall costs $2\frac{1}{2}$ guineas."

Chopin also informs his Paris friends that "old Wellington sat underneath the Queen's box, like an

old monarchical dog in his kennel, under his crowned Lady," and that "all the Parisian pianists come here, they want classical things at the Philharmonic. Ralberg has been engaged for twelve concerts in the same theatre where Lind appears. Hallé is going to play Mendelssohn."

Elsewhere he remarks that he has been invited to play at the Philharmonic, but "I don't want to play there because it would be with the orchestra. I have been there to observe. Prudent played his concerto and it was a fiasco. There one must play Beethoven, Mozart, or Mendelssohn, and although the directors and others tell me that my concertos have already been played there, and with success, I prefer not to try, for it may come to nothing. The orchestra is like their roast beef or their turtle soup; excellent strong, but nothing more. All that I have written is needless as an excuse; there is one impossible thing: they never rehearse, for everyone's time is dear nowadays; there is only one rehearsal and that is public."

CHOPIN AND THE PHILHARMONIC.

It is very interesting to learn that our famous old Royal Philharmonic Society was very much the same in 1848 as it is to-day. Chopin's observation about inadequate rehearsing is especially noteworthy, for a few years ago the finest pianist who has visited London in recent times, Artur Schnabel, had exactly the same experience as Chopin, but he only found out the inadequacy of the rehearsing after he had engaged himself to play. Nevertheless, Schnabel felt like Chopin and actually wrote a letter, which appeared in the *Times*, pointing out the impossibility of musicians doing justice to the music they played under these conditions. I am afraid this letter only earned him the animosity of some narrow - minded musicians here, and if our Royal Philharmonic Society survives another hundred years, I expect that some foreign musician in the year 2000 will be making exactly the same observations about it as Chopin made in 1848 and Schnabel about 1928.

CHOPIN'S FEES.

There is a great deal of interesting matter that I could quote from Chopin's letters, for they are concrete and practical and waste no space on verbiage; but I

shall only mention the fact that Chopin was looked upon by some of his professional colleagues as an amateur and was treated as a grand seigneur, "because I wear clean shoes and don't carry visiting cards stating that I give home lessons, play at evening parties, etc."

He was told by Broadwood, on whose pianoforte he played in London, to ask 20 guineas for playing in a private house. This is what he received from Lady Sutherland and others. He tells an amusing story of how "old Lady Rothschild" asked him how much he charged, and when he told her this fee he says: "The good lady, obviously kind, thereupon told me that it is true that I play very well, but that she advises me to take less, as moderation is necessary this season."

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THE CHRONICLE OF THE CAR.

BY H. THORNTON RUTTER.

M ANY women are members of the various motoring organisations to-day, and our roads reveal almost as many cars being driven by them as by men. They are also competing against the sterner sex in many competitions, but the principal contest for women only is the Wakefield Challenge Trophy. Lord Wakefield presented this to the Women's Automobile and Sports Association some three or four years ago, and competitors have to take part in three very severe road trials to win it. As yet, no competitor has succeeded in obtaining the necessary first-class awards in each of the three trials held every year. This year, for instance, Mrs. Montague Johnstone and Mrs. A. G. Grippen have been successful in the first two trials, and either one or both can win the trophy if they are equally fortunate in gaining first-class awards in the final run. This is the London to Exeter Trial, taking place on October 8 and 9. Mr. Victor Riley has generously presented this year another handsome challenge Trophy for the runner-up to the winner. This objet d'art is the work of Mr. Gilbert, R.A., of Eros fame. It represents an ibex, the fleetest of all mountain climbers, poised on top of a rock. As severe hills are a feature of all three competitions, an ibex is certainly symbolically correct to remind the holder of this prize of the feats she has performed in gaining it.

The holiday season is apt to Careful Driving bring extra vehicles on our roads, Gives Economy. so that drivers need to exercise even greater care than usual to avoid accidents. Also careful driving largely helps to give economy in running costs. Quite recently an owner of a Morris Cowley saloon stated that his car had done nearly 28,000 miles on its original five Dunlop tyres, and that he hoped to reach a distance of 30,000 before renewing any of them. He also stated that the pattern of the treads is by no means worn off, "but I now have to use reasonable care on slippery roads." I am afraid some drivers do not think of the condition of the wheel coverings when apparently in a hurry, but

it pays to do so. This Morris Cowley owner put down the excellent mileage that he had covered to changing the wheels round, including the spare, every few months, avoiding fierce acceleration or spectacular braking, and regularly checking up the tyre pressures and the correct alignment of the wheels.

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"The elephant rolled like a boat on a wind-less ground swell, and the sun beat down like hot brass. There was neither road nor trace of human footstep. The mahout, who was more than half-asleep, allowed the elephant to choose his own way in the general direction of the rockribbed hills. Chullunder Ghose sat upright underneath a black umbrella, because he could not otherwise, with any comfort, hold the thing between his fat face and the sun. Larry O'Hara sat on the other side of the howdah, also upright, because anything whatever interested him. He had the kind of blue-grey eyes that only sleep at night, and even then as triggerlightly as a watch-dog's.

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"This obese and talkative babu, intimidated by the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, is a Hamlet who has seen what U.S.A. Americans would call a lot of hot stuff, and a lot more cheap baloney. Life is like that: two-thirds hokum. And the other third is nearly nine-tenths stupid. Just about a tenth of on: per cent. of life is hell and heaven, mixed into a drunken and beautiful madness. But that is enough. I am mad. You are mad. This elephant is mad. And so is Lalla Lingo. Verb sap."

"What's wrong with the elephant?" O'Hara

"He obeys us. He could shake us off, and roll the howdah off, and run to where a hundred elephants are roaming wild and uncontaminated by a sense of duty."

"Lalla Lingo?"

"Is a man of many talents, without philosophy enough to cherish them beneath a sense of humour in the autocratic solitude he might enjoy if he were only not a propagandist. Think of



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GIVEN AWAY

"Look here, old girl, I've been thinking it over and if you really insist I'm prepared to do all I possibly can to help you. . . .

All Azalea's life reluctant people, looking shamefaced, had constantly come to her and said they were ready to do something for her that previously they had sworn they would never do.

In 1909, a mere Saul among prophets, on witnessing the defeat by Azalea, aged four, of her septuagenarian grandfather (educated Eton and Balliol College, Oxford; called to the bar in 1860; Q.C. 1871; King's Bench Judge 1889; Victorian to the backbone, irascible and unbending) in a battle of wills that ended in Sir Mervyn obediently crawling on her mother's dusty drawing room carpet beneath a moth-eaten tiger-skin rug, would have predicted a masterful career for the auburn-haired imp on whose bronze eyes anger seemed to encrust a greenish patina.

Nurses, their bodies stiffened by whalebone, their wills indurated and their wits sharpened by years of conflict with nursery mutineers, either walked the plank or laid down not only their arms but their entire personalities for Azalea to trample on. Other servants—even butlers who called her the little devil in their pantries-after suffering the pressure of Azalea's thumb in silence, only maintained that sturdy independence of character, which is the British domestic's birthright, by subsequently being covertly ruder than usual to Azalea's parents. . . . '

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him. He owns a village, whose inhabitants believe he is a god in an imported suit of Palm Beach reach-me-downs. It is an honour if he takes their women. It is privilege to them to build his house, and grow his corn, and bring him meat. He has his books, his European education, and an income that is ample for exotic needs. And yet he wants more. So he subsidizes murder—"

"We don't actually know that," said O'Hara

"And he subsidizes the police-"

O'Hara interrupted: "That is also something that we can't prove . .

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